

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

**Mon.** 9.00am. **Thurs.** 9.00am **Fri.** 9.00am.

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *Peggy White (Months Memory)* **10.30am.** *Mel Smith.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *John & Lena Nolan & daughter Teresa*  
**10.30am.** *Elizabeth Neary.*

### Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **John Kelly**, Woodview, and St Brigid's Terrace, Longford, whose funeral was in Kenagh on Wednesday.*

*Also for the happy repose of the soul of **Demola Adetosoya**, Newtownforbes. May they **Rest in Peace**.*

**Last weekend Collection: €1,380. Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

**Readers—Vigil:** *Sonia Flynn* **10.30am** *Mary Ginty*

**E.Ms. Vigil:** *Deirdre Houlihan* **10.30am.** *Joanne Quinn*

### Feast Day

**July 25<sup>th</sup>**

**St James**

*He is the brother of John the apostle and evangelist (gospel writer) The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. When Jesus called them, the gospel says "they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired man and followed him"*

**July 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Ss Joachin and Anne**

*They are the parents of Mary, mother of Jesus.*

## Wheat and Weeds

All of us are made up of a mixture of wheat and weeds, good and bad. A weed free garden may be very desirable, but the gospel today suggests that we may have to learn to live with weeds. We need to be patient with imperfection in ourselves and in others.

As we know only too well, life is not tidy. It is not like a well-manicured garden, in which order and harmony prevail. Our own personal lives are not like the garden displays that win prizes at the Chelsea flower show. Each of us is a mixture of wheat and weeds; **we are each tainted by sin and yet touched by grace.** Our calling is to grow in grace before God and others, as Jesus did. We look to him to help us to keep turning from sin and growing in grace.

St Paul assures us today that the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. With the spirit's help, we can grow more and more into the person God wants us to be.

### **Croagh Patrick—Bus**

Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup> is **Reek Sunday**. Special bus will stop in Newtownforbes at **5.30am**. To book a seat call 086 0405621.

### **St Teresa of Calcutta—Relics**

The relics will arrive in **St Mel's Cathedral** on Monday July 31 and be there until August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Famine Collection**

Severe drought, driven by climate change, is affecting Kenya, South Sudan, and Ethiopia and has resulted in failed crops and widespread death of livestock.

There will be a **Trocaire** collection this weekend.

### **Knock Shrine Counselling Service**

This is an opportunity to discuss difficult or challenging life issues in a caring and confidential environment, one to one. No appointment necessary. There is no charge. **Times: Thursday** 10.00am-5.00pm, **Friday** 2.00pm-5.00pm, **Saturday & Sunday:** 11.00am-5.00pm

### **Knock National Novena**

The novena is from August 14 to August 22. Theme is *"Live life to the full"*.

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