

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm Tues 9.00am. Thurs 9.00am. Fri 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm: *Anthony & Margaret Feeney / Rudy DeVincenzo & son Hugh / Larry & Peggy McGlynn.* 10.30am: *Eileen McGee.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *John Hopkins / Nora Reilly & son Conor / Elizabeth Byrne.* 10.30am: *Betty Neary.*

Last weekend Collection: €892. *Thank you.*

On Line contributions

IBAN: IE34 AIBK 9321 4026 9364 22 (BIC: AIBKIE2D). *The Parish of Clonguish A/C is with the A I B bank, Longford.*

Next Weekend

Readers – Vigil: *Anne McCann.* 10.30 am: *Olga Hanly.*
E.Ms. – Vigiil: *Cathy Murphy.* 10.30 am: *Michelle Feeney.*

Feast Days

July 25th

St James (apostle)

James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the sea of Galile.

July 26th

Ss Joachim & Anne

They are the grandparents of Jesus. the Sunday closest to this date is celebrated as Grandparents Day each year. That is today.

July 29th

St Martha

Martha and her sister Mary and brother Lazarus were close friends of Jesus. The sisters turned to Jesus when their brother died.

Grandparents Day

World Day for Grandparents and the elderly is celebrated on the Sunday closest to the feast of **Ss Joachim and Anne**, the grandparents of **Jesus**; this Sunday. It was **Pope Francis**' idea to have this special day. Grandparents are more numerous than ever because most of us are living longer lives and more children have living grandparents.

Grandparents often play a crucial role not only in childcare, but in providing a background context for transmitting values and a key link in a family network. When **Mikhail Gorbachev** was asked how the **Orthodox** faith survived among the **Russian** people, despite decades of **Soviet** atheistic propaganda he replied "*It was the grandmothers. They passed on the religion*"

Our grandparents and the elderly can put things in perspective and teach us to see the bigger picture.

Alzheimer Café

The next meeting is on **Wednesday July 26th** at 7.00pm in the **Attic House**, Ballinalee Rd. The guest speaker is **Mary Carey**, coordinator of the '*Healthy age / Friendly homes program*'.

Mission Appeal

This weekend, **Fr Pat Byrne S V D** (Divine Word) will speak at the Masses as part of the Divine Word mission appeal.

Croagh Patrick

Sunday next, July 30th is '**Reek Sunday**'. A bus to Croagh Patrick will leave the village at **5.30am** and be at the cathedral carpark at 5.40am. To book a seat call **086 0405621**.

Readers Rota

Readers, please call to the sacristy and collected it after **Mass**.

Samaritans

Their free to call Confidential Line number is **116 123**. **This is a twenty four hour service.**

