

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

*Wed. 9.00am. Thurs. 9.00am Fri. 8.00pm*

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *Jim and Betty McGarry / John McLoughlin.*

**10.30am.** *John, Lena and Teresa Nolan / Mary, James and Jimmy*

*Reynolds. Fri. 8.00pm. Breege Prunty (Months memory)*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *Frank, Margaret, Frankie & Paul Devine.*

**10.30am.** *No special intension.*

**Last weekend Collection: €1015.00. Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

<b>Readers—Vigil:</b> <i>Sonia Flynn</i>	<b>10.30am.</b> <i>Fionuala Carty</i>
<b>E.Ms. Vigil:</b> <i>James Quinn</i>	<b>10.30am.</b> <i>Patricia Donegan</i>

### Feast Days

**Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Sts Cosmas and Damien**

*Cosmas and Damien were two martyrs in the early church.*

**Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>**

**St Vincent De Paul (1580-1660)**

*St Vincent was a native of Gascony, France. He founded the **Vincentians**, a religious order, who devoted their time to the spiritual care of the people in the smaller towns and villages in that area of France. Later, Vincent formed a charity for the physical relief of the poor and the sick in each parish.*

**Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (Archangels)**

*Angels – messengers from God – appear frequently in the Scriptures, but only these three are named.*

### Parish Pastoral Council

*The next Parish Pastoral Council will be on **Tuesday, next, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 8.00pm in the Parochial House*

## Facing the truth

It can be especially difficult to listen to people when they are sharing something with us that we find difficult to hear. They may be sharing some painful experience that is troubling and disturbing. We struggle to listen to their story because it arouses painful emotions in us. Someone might be trying to tell us something about ourselves that we find difficult to hear.

In today's gospel reading Jesus had something very important to say about what was about to happen to him. He was telling the disciples that he would be delivered into the hands of others and that he would be put to death. This was something they found very hard to hear. This was a truth they were not ready to take on board. **'They did not understand what he said and was afraid to ask'** They were afraid that they might not be able to live with the answers he would give them.

**Yet, in our heart of hearts, we often recognize that there are certain realities we need to face, even if they are painful. There are certain illusions we may have to let go of.**

The disciples seemed to have thought that being part of Jesus' circle would bring them privilege and status. He needed to prise them away from these illusions of greatness that they clung to. They wanted power, a kind of self-centered ambition that the second reading describes. God's ambition described as **'the wisdom that comes from above'**, is an ambition to serve. As the gospel says **'Those who want to be first must make themselves last of all and servant of all'** This ambition to serve is something that **'makes for peace and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good'**. This is something all disciples of Jesus have to take on board.

**Martin Hogan** 'Journeying with Mark'

### Active Retirement

The **Newtownforbes Active Retirement Group** meets every Thursday in **Casey's Bar** at 2.00pm. As always, new members are welcome.

### Longford Women's Link

Longford Women's Link provide emotional and practical support to women subjected to domestic violence and abuse in the home. This service is free and confidential. Contacts, Moe, Angela or Charlotte at Longford Women's Link, phone 043 33 41511.