

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

*Mon. 9.00am Tues. 9.00am Wed. 9.00am. Thurs. 9.00am Fri. 9.00am.*

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil:** Frank, Margaret, Frankie & Paul Devine. **10.30am.** No special intension. **Thurs. 9.00am.** Jim Ross & deceased family members.

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** Bernard Sullivan.

**10.30am:** No special intension.

Last weekend Collection: €1286.00. Thank you.

### Next Weekend

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| <b>Readers—Vigil:</b> Eugene O'Brien | <b>10.30am.</b> Anne Devlin     |
| <b>E.Ms. Vigil:</b> Geraldine Halpin | <b>10.30am.</b> Elizabeth Moore |

### Feast Days

**Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>**                      **St Therese of the Child Jesus**

*She is also known as **St Therese of Liseaux** (France) and **The Little Flower**. Both her parents were canonized last year and their relics visited **St Mel's Cathedral** in August.*

**Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>**                      **The Guardian Angels**

**Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>**                      **St Francis of Assisi (1181-1246)**

**Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>** *Today is the anniversary of the episcopal ordination of **Most Rev. Francis Duffy**, bishop of **Ardagh & Conmacnois**, 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2013.*

### First Friday

*Friday next is the **First Friday**. The usual house calls will be done at the usual times.*

### 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.*

## The Child

In the gospel today, **Jesus** says '*But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone around his neck.*'

**One of the most touching things about children  
is their openness.**

**But this same openness**

**leaves them extremely vulnerable.**

**They may not say much but they feel everything.**

**They are like crocuses**

**Which appear in February-**

**Frail, delicate, beautiful creatures-  
innocents abroad in an unpredictable climate.**

**If they are embraced by the sun,  
they will bloom to their full potential.**

**But if they are assailed by hail,  
They will die a premature death.**

**Love is to a child what sunshine is to a flower.**

*Flor McCarthy*

### Station Masses

October is traditionally the time of the year for the Station Masses. Any family who would like to host a **Station Mass** for their area during Oct./Nov. please contact Fr McGovern. **Lent** is the other time of the year for Station Masses. **Ash Wednesday** is March 6<sup>th</sup> 2019.

### Climate Change Conference

This conference will be held in the **Bush Hotel, Carrick-on Shannon**, on **Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup>** from 9.30am- 4.00pm. The guest speakers are **Minister Denis Naughton** and **Professor John Fitzgerald**. Some of the topics to be discussed are '**What is climate change**' and '**Energy grants for consumers**'. Info.: 071 9664101.

### Active Retirement

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

**Alzheimer Society- Thanks.** The Alzheimer Society wish to thank all who contributed to their church gate collection. **It raised €315.** Thanks.