

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues 10.00am. Wed 10.00am. Thurs 10.00pm. Fri. 10.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm: *No special intention* **10.30am:** *No special intention.*

Wed 10.00am. Alice and Laurence Lockwood.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Hugh Quinn* **10.30am:** *No special intention.*

Last weekend Collection: €1250 *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: *Clodagh McCann* **10.30 am:** *Laura Hussey*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Martin Ross* **10.30 am:** *Elizabeth Moore*

Feast Days

Dec.26th **St Stephen**

The Acts of the Apostles tells us that St Stephen was a man filled with grace and power and worked great wonders among the people.

Dec 27th **St John**

Today we celebrate the feast of St John, Apostle and evangelist (Gospel writer) In the Gospels he is referred to as ‘the beloved disciple’

Dec 28th **The Holy Innocents**

Herod the Great was a tyrant and master politician. He was fearful of any threat to his throne. He ‘ordered the massacre of all boys, two years old or younger’ Its estimated that 20-25 babies died.

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community Hailey Ellen Marie Harkness, Leitrim, on Saturday. We pray God’s blessing on her family.

Christmas Gift

The poor little boy was as sad as could be

He had no present for under the tree.

Oh, my **Mammy** and **Daddy** work so hard for me,

I have nothing to give them, to thank them you see.

But, later, alone, on his small little bed,

he took bright coloured paper and long bits of thread.

And he tied up a parcel with nothing inside, and he crept down

the stairs when the parcel was tied.

When he woke next morning, he went down to the tree,

he saw **Mammy** and **Daddy** as proud as could be. “We got

perfume, a tie and a clock for the shelf, but your present is

special, you made it yourself. And your bright little parcel, all

tied up and small, was filled with **love** the best present of all.”

Christy Kenneally

Shane Brennan 5K

Runners entries continues to grow. Remember runners must

enter on line at www.coretiming.ie, also see **Facebook** page.

The runners start at **1.00pm**. It important that all who are

taking part, walkers and runners, get there real early. Walkers

are invited to make their donation and start walking well in

advance of the runners. A **€20** donation will get you a hat

(beanie) inscribed and with a tassel!!

It would be helpful if locals could leave their car at home or

park in the **church** car park. There will be special treats for

the **children**.

All proceeds go to **DePaul**. DePaul provides shelter to the

homeless in **Longford**. As their motto says ‘**Homelessness**

has no place’

The Samaritans

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

four hour service.

Happy Christmas Everyone

