

## CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm; *Bridget McGee*. 10.30am: *Vincent, Anna Rose Reilly / Mary O'Malley*.

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

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

### Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of William (Billy) Mahon, Lismoy, whose funeral was on Wednesday. May he Rest in Peace.*

Last weekend Collection: €850 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 7.00pm: *Anne Marie Williams*. 10.30am: *Andrew Hanly*.  
E.Ms : Vigil: *Cathy Murphy*. 10.30am: *Michelle Feeney*.

### Feast Days

May 27<sup>th</sup>

St Philip Neri (1515-1595)

*At an early age he abandoned the idea of becoming a businessman, moved to Rome from Florence and devoted his life to God. He played a big part in reforming the church at the time of the Council of Trent.*

May 31<sup>st</sup>

The Visitation

*This is a fairly recent feast day going back only as far as the fourteenth century!! Today's feast day recalls 'the Blessed Virgin Mary carrying her son within her' and visiting Elizabeth to offer charitable assistance and to proclaim the mercy of God the Saviour. (Maria Cultus)*

### All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock

*This all day celebration starts at 9.20am on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the 41<sup>st</sup> edition of the Rosary Rally. Bus booking - Ursula 087 901 6062.*

## China

Today is World day of Prayer for China. The Peoples Republic of China regulates religion in the country. Chinese people over the age of 18 are allowed to join Christian groups that are registered with one of the state - controlled bodies.

The Vatican has no diplomatic relations with China since 1951. There are about ten million Catholics in the country.

In 2018, Beijing and the Vatican reached a historical agreement with Pope Francis to find a middle ground on the appointment of bishops. The deal, which was part of Pope Francis's vision to expand the Catholic Church's following across the world, aimed to help gain access to potential millions of converts across China. The deal means the state nominates the new bishops and the Vatican ordains them if they are suitable. Some see this as a sell out.

Alongside the state accepted Catholic Church there is the underground church that rejects the state involvement in the affairs of the Church. Members risk imprisonment and death.

Today we are asked to pray for the Catholic Church in China.

### Drink Tea for M N D

This recent fund raising event for the Motor Neurone Disease raised €1710. Thanks to all who contributed to the cause.

### Alzheimer Café

The next monthly meeting is on Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in Earl Street.

### St Mel's Concert

The Longford County Choir presents Vivaldi's Gloria and coral favourites with local soloists in St Mel's Cathedral today (Sunday) at 7.30pm.

### Tax Relief Scheme

Tax relief forms have gone out to those who have contributed €250 or more to the parish in the past year. Please sign the form with PPS number and return it to the Parochial House.

