

# CLONGUISSH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *Jim & Betty McGarry & deceased family members / John McLoughlin. 10.30am: John & Elizabeth Stapleton & deceased family members & Bridie & Tim O'Rourke.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *Vincent Holohan 10.30am: Paddy Joe, Anne & Gerard Murphy.*

**Last weekend Collection: €1,105 Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

**Readers—Vigil:** *Clodagh McCann 10.30am: Patricia Keenan*  
**E.Ms. Vigil:** *Garry Hughes 10.30am: Elizabeth Moore*

### Feast Days

**September 26<sup>th</sup>** Ss Cosmas and Damien (Martyrs)

**September 27<sup>st</sup>** St Vincent de Paul (1580-1660)

*Vincent worked tirelessly for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick in Paris. He founded the Congregation of the Mission order better known as The Vincentians & The Daughters of Charity.*

**September 29** Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

*These Archangels are the only named angels in scripture.*

**September 30<sup>th</sup>** St Jerome (345-420)

*He is known for having a bad temper but he is better known for having translated the Old Testament from Hebrew to Latin.*

### Parish Choir

*Choir practice each Thursday @ 8.00pm. As always new members are welcome.*

## Am I a Grumbler?

Many of Jesus' parables are difficult. We are invited to place ourselves in the story. Which character do we identify with? To which group would we belong? Sometimes we find ourselves sympathizing with the character who turns out to be in the wrong. God's ways are not our ways!

The parable of the labourers in the field is one of tricky ones. We are drawn into the story, and we feel some sympathy for the crowd who end up grumbling at the landowner. These early birds who were hired at daybreak have done most of the work. They have toiled all day in the heat, doing far more work than those who were only hired at the last minute- yet receive the same pay. **It's hardly fair, is it?**

But the landowner makes his point. **'Why be envious because I am generous?'** Of course, Jesus anticipates the discomfort of his audience. He uses parables to gently pull the rug from under their feet, to challenge their assumptions, and offer them a new way of thinking that is focused not on themselves, but on the wider community.

Place yourself in the story. If you identify with the grumblers, ask yourself why. **Why should you be concerned about what others are getting? Who are we to judge what others are getting? Who are we to judge what others deserve?** Surely we, too, should want God's love and blessing to be extended to everyone!

Triona Doherty- Intercom Magazine

### Tax Relief for Donations to Eligible Charities

This is the last call. Would all who have received forms to sign in the early summer please do so and return them this week. This scheme is a great source of revenue for the parish each year.

### Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS)

Over 21, and you would like to receive business and computer training free of charge? Call **Maeve Madden**, VTOS Co-ordinator @ 087 2050589.

### Draft Register of Electors

The register is now prepared for 2018/2019. You should check the register to see that you are registered correctly to vote by calling 043 3343362.