

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

*Thurs 9.00am, Fri. 7.00pm.*

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**Vigil 7.00pm.** *No special intention.* **10.30am:** *Nicola Murphy / Frank, Margaret, Paul & Frankie Devine.* **Fri. 7.00pm:** *Leah Sheridan.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil 7.00pm.** *Eilish Mulligan (month's memory)*  
**10.30am:** *No special intention.*

**Last weekend Collection:** € 1107      *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:** *Liam Madden*    **10.30 am:** *Laura Hussey*

**E.Ms. – Vigiiil:** *Garry Hughes*    **10.30 am:** *Sarah McCormack*

### Feast Days

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

**Ss Cosmas & Damien**

*They were martyrs in Syria in the early days of Christianity.*

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

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

*Vincent was born on a small farm in Gascony, France. He committed his life to the care of the poor and disadvantaged. He founded the Daughters of Charity and the Vincentians, religious orders. He is the patron saint of charitable works. The Society of St Vincent de Paul was founded in 1833 by Fredric Ozanam.*

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

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

*Angels—messengers from God – appear frequently in scripture, but only these three are mentioned by name.*

## God's Ways

The parable of Jesus that we hear in the Gospel this Sunday does not seem to make a great deal of sense by the standards of how today's labour market works. Battles have been fought to ensure that there is a minimum hourly wage. It follows that those who work longer hours should get more pay. Any deviation from this would rightly result in industrial action, at least in most democratic societies.

However the landowner in today's Gospel was one who broke the mould by his generosity. In a similar way, the father in the story of the prodigal son broke the mould of the normal father in that culture at that time.

In this parable Jesus is trying to give us a little glimpse of the ways of God. Speaking through the prophet Isaiah in the first reading, God declares "*My thoughts are not your thoughts , my ways not your ways*" Jesus is suggesting that there is something to the ways of God that seem strange when placed along side our ways of doing things. This parable invites us to allow God's ways to shape our ways , so that we too begin to relate to others not on the basis of what they deserve but out of the generosity of our hearts.

*Martin Hogan*

### Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Arron Sainsbury**, Briskil, and **Maryanne Shedwell**, Longford, who were married on Saturday last in St Mary's church. We wish the newly weds every blessing in the times ahead.

### Hospice Coffee Morning

A Hospice coffee morning is being held at the home of **John Joe** and **Mary McVeigh**, Leitrim Cross on Wednesday **September 27<sup>th</sup>** from 11.00am – 3.00pm. All are welcome . Please support this worthy cause.

### Samaritans

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

