

CLONGUISSH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. 9.00am Wed. 9.00am Thurs. 9.00am Fri.9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Deceased members of the McGee family. **10.30am:** No Special intention **12.00 Noon:** Cemetery Sunday Mass in cemetery.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Bridie Oates (Months memory)

10.30am: Eileen McGee / Matthew Thompson

Last weekend Collection: €1.197 **Thank you.**

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Margaret Kilbane	10.30am. Laura Hussey
E.Ms. Vigil: Geraldine Halpin	10.30am. Michelle Ghee

Feast Day

June 29th

SS Peter and Paul

*On the day traditionally considered in pagan Rome to be the city's foundation day by **Romulus**, we celebrate the twin founders of the church in Rome. **St Peter** died by crucifixion and **St Paul** by beheading between 64-67.*

July 1st

St Oliver Plunkett (Bishop & martyr)

*St Oliver Plunkett was found guilty of high treason '**for promoting the Catholic Faith**', and was condemned to a gruesome death. He was martyred on July 1st 1681 at **Tyburn, London**, by hanging. His head is in St Peter's Church, Drogheda, Co. Louth.*

Graduation Mass

The boys and girls of 6th class will celebrate their completion of Primary School with a graduation Mass of thanksgiving with their parents and teachers in the school on Monday at 7.30pm.

Have No Fear

Today's gospel is a comfort for all those who feel persecuted in any way because of their beliefs or because people are speaking badly about them or those who feel alienated from their community, their family or God. During such times it can become extremely lonely to the point where one can lose their sense of purpose in this world.

While we may not wish to shout from the rooftops, as Jesus suggests, there is a message here to speak out, to talk it out. Today spend time on the beautiful words of Jesus in this Gospel '**Even the hairs of your head are all counted, so do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows**' The sparrow, one of the smallest of birds, is cared for and loved by God. This is a reminder that no matter how insignificant we might feel or how challenging the circumstances get, God is with us, each one of us.

Once again, we are being told how sacred each one of us is and how much we are loved by God. In his eye's each of us are precious.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Laura Cooney**, Lissagernal and **Adam Tinsley**, Wolverhampton, who married on Saturday in Newtownforbes, Also to **Declan O'Toole**, Clonellon, and **Roisin Martin**, Ballinagh, Cavan who were married in St Patrick's Church, Drumcor, on Saturday last. We wish the newlyweds every blessing in the times ahead.

Cemetery Sunday

A warm welcome to all those who have come to celebrate Cemetery Sunday today.

Epitaph on a tombstone

'Pause as you pass by, As you are now, so once was I, As I am now so you shall be. So prepare yourself to follow me'.

A local wag added in chalk: 'To follow you I am quite content.....but how do I know which way YOU went'!

Readers Rota

A new readers rota for the second half of the year is ready. Readers please call to the sacristy to collect it.

American Tea Party

Its on tonight (Saturday) in the Paddy Joe Murphy Sports Hall. There are still some tickets available.