

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm Tues 9.00am Thurs 9.00am Friday 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil: 7.00pm: James Mahon & dec. members of the McGee family / John, Mick & Betty Kane / Margaret & Patrick Joseph Quinn & dec. family members. **10.30am:** No special intention.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00: Matthew Thompson, sister Mary & brothers John & Fr Noel / Seamus O'Shea. **10.30am:** No special intention.

Last weekend Collection: €1125. *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: Geraldine McVeigh **10.30 am:** Patricia O'Brien
E.Ms. – Vigil: Al Yorke **10.30 am:** Michelle Ghee

Feast Days

June 28th

St Irenaeus

He lived just after the time of the apostles and knew those who had seen and talked with them. He became bishop of Lyon (France).

June 29th

SS Peter & Paul

On this day, traditionally considered in pagan Rome to be its foundation day by Romulus, we celebrate the twin founders of the Church in Rome. St Peter died by crucifixion in Rome around the year 64. St Paul also died a martyr's death by beheading around the year 67. Both proclaim with their lives that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

“Do not be afraid”

In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples three times not to be afraid. Jesus knew how crippling fear could become; how it destroys our inner peace, prevents us from being ourselves. He wants those who follow him to be filled with confidence coming from a faith in God who loves us so fully. To illustrate the dept of God's love Jesus used the tender example of little sparrows., not one of these little birds he said, falls to the ground without God knowing it. God cares about everything he has created to the greatest extent imaginable. For that reason, no matter what our situation, we have no real need to be afraid.

“Do not be afraid” said Jesus, speak your truth, have confidence in God. He knows all our innermost secrets and fears. Nothing is hidden from him, the Lord tells us and he continues to be with us on lifes's journey.

The only fear we need have is of loosing our faith and hope in him, of denying his love for us.

Paul Clayten-Lea

Readers Rota

The new reader's rota for the second half of the year is now ready. Readers, please call to the sacristy and collected it after Mass.

Cemetery Sunday

Today is cemetery Sunday. Mass will be celebrated in the cemetery at **12.00 noon**. The graves in the old cemetery will be blessed after the Mass.

Alzheimer Café

The next meeting of the Café is on Wednesday June 28th at 7.00pm. Guest speaker is Frank Gearty. Topic- “Enduring powers of Attorney”

Samaritans

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

