

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: *John Hopkins. 10.30am: Elizabeth Neary.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Conor Reilly and his mother Nora. 10.30am. No special intention.*

Last weekend Collection: €1110.00. *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: Clodagh McCann.	10.30 am: Frank Quinn.
E.Ms. - Vigil: Al Yorke.	10.30 am: Michelle Ghee.

Feast Days

July 26th Ss Joachim and Anne

They are traditionally named as the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord. Their feasts were celebrated separately until joined together in the Calendar of 1969. St Anne is the patron of Canada. (see Grandparent's Day opposite).

July 29th St Marta

Marta is the sister of Lazarus and Mary. She is the patron of cooks and dieticians.

July 31st St Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)

He is the founder of the Jesuit religious order

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community, Callum Joe Feeney Caislean Breac, Newtownforbes, on Sunday last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and her family.

World Day of Grandparents and Elderly

On New Year's Day in 2020, Pope Francis announced that the **First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will be celebrated on **Sunday, 25th July**, the Sunday nearest to the feast of Ss Joachim and Anna (26th July). The voice of the elderly '*is precious*,' Pope Francis said, '*because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples.*' The elderly, he continued, '*remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generations, to pass on to the young the experience of life*'

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this inaugural commemoration is '*I am with you always*' (Matthew 28:30). It expresses the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging times of the pandemic.

The theme, '*I am with you always*' is also '*a promise of closeness and hope that young and old mutually share*', so says the Pope. Not only are grandchildren and youths invited to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelization, proclamation and prayer and of encouraging young people in the faith.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Margaret Monaghan**, Knockmartin and **Paul Casserly**, Delvin, Co. Westmeath, who were married in St Mary's church, Newtownforbes on Saturday last. We wish the newly wed every blessing in the times ahead.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers

We welcome back our Mass readers and eucharistic ministers after an absence of nearly eighteen months. Readers can collect the St Paul Sunday missal in the sacristy after Mass.

Bus to Croagh Patrick

On Saturday July 31, a bus has been organized, to take intending pilgrims to Croagh Patrick. The bus leaves Longford (Cathedral car park) at 5.00am. Bring a packed lunch. You can book a seat by calling 086 0405621 or 087 6613510.