

CLONGUISSH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Margaret, Frank, Frankie and Paul Devine. **10.30am** Gerard McGrath and parents Murtagh and Margaret McGrath..

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Jimmy and Alice Quinn. **10.30am:** Deceased members of the Burke family.

Last weekend Collection's €1,387 Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Ann McCann	10.30am. Sean Devlin
E.Ms. Vigil: Geraldine Halpin	10.30am. Michelle Ghee

Feast Day

Sept. 26th Sts Cosmos & Damien (Died in 302)

Martyrs in the early church in Syria.

Sept. 27th St Vincent De Paul (1581--1660)

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Sept 29th Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels.

Sept. 30th St Jerome (340—420)

He translated the Bible into Latin. He is the patron saint of librarians.

Parish Calendar 2017

Work has commenced on the Parish Calendar for 2017. The Parish Pastoral Council would welcome old photographs, recalling times past in the parish of Clonguish. If you have any photos you might think would be of interest, please give them to Fr McGovern.

St Vincent de Paul

The seventeenth century witnessed the life and mission of **St Vincent de Paul (1581—1660)** who has been called the “**Great Apostle of practical charity**”, and is honoured as a saint in the Anglican Communion as well as in the Catholic Church. Born into a peasant family in Gascony, Southern France, he became a priest at an extremely young age but within a decade had discovered his true calling – to give himself unstintingly to the poor for the rest of his days. He saw Christ present in those whom he served and urged his followers to reverence and love them: “*Let us work,*” he told them. “*with a new love in service of the poor, looking for the most destitute and abandoned among them.*”

On one occasion, aware of the danger of demeaning those who would be on the receiving-end of their charity, he pointed out to his community: “**The poor will forgive you for giving them bread, only because of your love**” He strove to improve the lot of galley slaves and eventually became their chaplain, he preached missions in prison, he gathered a group of wealthy women who collected money for his many missionary projects and he set up the **Congregation of the Mission**, often known as **Vincentian Fathers**.

Less than two centuries later in 1833 inspired by the example of St Vincent de Paul, **Frederic Ozanam**, a young married layman, born in Milan and brought up in Paris, help to set up what came to be known as the St Vincent de Paul Society (or SVP). It was a society dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by offering practical assistance to those in need – irrespective of faith, ethnicity, age or gender.

Longford Register of Electors

If you are eighteen years or over by 15th February 2017 check the register at www.checktheregister.ie or call **043-3343362** to see if you are eligible to vote. Any queries contact franchise@longfordcoco.ie

Tax Scheme

Some weeks ago a form went out to some people from the parish who had contributed €250 or more during the year. If you received a form please fill it in and return it this week. Most people are signed up for four years and don't have to fill any form until the four years are up.

Longford Ladies: Best wishes to the Clonguish girls playing in the All Ireland final today in Croke Park. **Come on Longford.**

