

# 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: No special intention. 10.30am. John & Mary Reilly.**

**Mon. 7.00pm: Alice & Laurence Lockwood.**

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil: No special intention. 10.30am: No special intention.**

**Last weekend Collection: €1305.00. 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: Geraldine McVeigh. 10.30 am: Andrew Hanley.**

**E.Ms. - Vigil: Al Yorke. 10.30am: Michelle Ghee.**

### Feast Days

**Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> St John (Apostle & Evangelist)**

*He is considered to be the author of the Fourth Gospel. He is often referred to as “the beloved disciple” John is said in his old age to have preached only one message: love one another.*

**Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> The Holy Innocents (Martyrs)**

*‘The flight into Egypt and the massacre of the Holy Innocents make manifest the opposition of darkness to the light’*

**Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> St Thomas Becket (Bishop & martyr) 1118-1170**

*The T S Eliot play, **Murder in the Cathedral**, is based on the martyrdom of Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Westminster.*

**Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Mary, Mother of God**

*Today, Mary is being truly honoured as **Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer.***

## Family Blessing

*A family blessing for the feast of the Holy Family*

**Jesus**, Son of God and son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

**Mary**, mother of Jesus and our mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

**Joseph**, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement and anxiety

**Holy Family** of Nazareth, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the centre of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. **Amen.**

### Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Denise Mulrennan**, Meadow Court and **Wayne Farrell**, Tallenstown, Co Louth, who were married in St Mary’s Church, Newtownforbes on Tuesday last. We wish the newly weds every blessing in the years ahead.

### First Friday Visits

As you know the first Friday of each month is the day the priest takes Holy Communion to the house bound in the parish. Since the pandemic started many who are vulnerable have followed the guidelines and have stayed away from large gatherings such as Sunday Mass, and have not received Holy Communion. If there are any who are not already on the First Friday list and would like to have the priest bring them Holy Communion, please let Fr McGovern know. **January 7<sup>th</sup> is the First Friday of the new year.**

