

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues: 9.00am. **Wed:** 9.00am. & 7.00pm. **Thurs:** 9.00am

Fri: 9.00am. & 7.00pm **Fri.** 7.00pm. Bridget Vaughan (*Months Memory*)

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Joe Byrne (*Months Memory*) **10.30am.** J.P. McGlynn & deceased family members / John and Anna Beattie.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil. No intention **10.30am** James & Agnes Gregg

Last weekend Collection €1,375. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Clodagh McCann	10.30am. Patricia Keenan
E.Ms. Vigil: Deidre Houlihan	10.30am. P J Bennett

Feast Days

March 1st

Ash Wednesday

Lent is a time, lasting 40 days when we prepare to celebrate Easter, the Resurrection of the Lord. Lent begins with the marking with ashes on the forehead, reminding us of our vulnerability. On Ash Wednesday, we are reminded through the readings at Mass of the need to reacquaint ourselves with the God who loved us into being and continues to love us. There are many things that can distract us, we can be led along paths that are not life giving. Masses for Ash Wednesday: 9.00am & 7.00pm.

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian Community Grace Lily Corr, Caislean Breac, on Saturday last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and her family.

First Friday

The usual house calls will be done at the usual times.

Trusting God

A mother in a rundown parish in a city had a son who was ruining her life. He wouldn't work. He spent his time drinking, on the dole and hanging out with troublemakers. He took things from the house to sell to get money. Again and again she pleaded with him to change his life, but he refused to do so. He broke her heart and made her life a misery. Eventually he ended up in prison. Surely now she would leave him to his fate? Not at all. She visited him without fail every week, carrying cigarettes and other things to him in a little carrier bag. One day one of the priests of the parish met her on her way to the prison. **'This son has ruined your life'** the priest said **'He'll never change. Why don't you just forget about him?'**

'How can I' she replied. **'I don't like what he's done but he's still my son'**

You could say that woman was foolish. Yet she was only doing what any mother worthy of the name was doing, that is, loving her child through thick and thin. A mother never gives up. For most of us, the love of a mother is the most reliable kind of human love we all experience. **It's no wonder that the Bible uses a mother's love as an image of God's love for us.** Even when we are in sin God does not cease to love us. That's what today's gospel is telling us.

Passion Play

Anyone who would like to help out with a Passion Play on Good Friday please contact Fr. McGovern.

Parish Accounts 2016

The parish accounts for 2016 have been audited and passed by the Parish Finance Committee. The accounts may be viewed on the church notice board (side door). **Good news** - net surplus for 2016 stands at **€15,022.**

Clonguish Community Games

Talent competition for group and solo music U12 & U16. Closing date for entries is Friday March 3rd. For further information contact Una @ 087 9315537 or Laura @ 086 891274.

Irish Heart Foundation: Coffee/Tea morning, Sun. Mar. 5th 10.30-3.30pm. For further information- 087 9023037.

All Night Vigil

Our Lady's Manor, Edgeworthstown Fri. night Mar. 3rd.