

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 7.00pm. Tues. 9.00am. Wed. 9.00am Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 9.00am.

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**Vigil:** John Christie & parents John & Sarah & sister Mary McGrath.

**10.30am:** Michael Barden (Month's memory) / Eileen & William Wright  
/ Tommy, Eva & Pdraig Lenehan.

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** Micheal & May McGuinness & their son Patrick.

**10.30am:** John & Mary Reilly.

**Last weekend Collection:** €1150. *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.** Andrew Hanly.

**E.Ms. – Vigil:** Martin Ross. **10.30 am.** Elizabeth Moore.

### Feast Days

**Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**St David**

*St David is a Welsh bishop of 6<sup>th</sup> century and is the patron of Wales.*

### Baptism

*We welcomed into the Christian community on Saturday last, **Mia Helen McCloughrey**, Clegghill, **Ellie Rose O'Reilly** McArt Meadows, and **Freddie James Casey**, Ballagh. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and their families.*

### First Friday

*Friday is the First Friday. The usual house calls will be done at the usual times.*

## Pruning Time

The word **Lent** is a shortened form of the old English word *lencen* meaning the Spring season.

Pruning time is a painful time for a fruit tree.

The pruner rids it of all those suckers which use up a lot of energy but produces no fruit. However, the aim of this surgery is not to inflict pain, but to help the tree to produce more and better fruit.

**Lent** is a kind of spiritual pruning time

There is much that is useless  
And perhaps harmful in our lives  
which saps our energy, and diminishes our spiritual fruitfulness.

Of what shall we prune ourselves this **Lent** so that we may become more fruitful branches of **Christ**, the true vine?

*'A pure heart create for me O Lord,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.*

*Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit' Psalm 51.*

**Masses for Lent:** There will be Mass each morning @ **9.00am** except Monday. **Monday** Mass will be at **7.00pm**.

### Basket Collection

Maybe the time is right to reintroduce the passing around of the baskets at the Offertory of the **Mass**. This will require a few teams, two people at each **Mass**. Collectors who have done this for years are more than welcome to continue doing so. New volunteers will be more than welcome. Please contact **Fr McGovern**.

### CASA – Church Gate Collection

Their church gate collection last weekend came to **€352**. Thanks to all who supported the collection.

### Killoe / Newtownforbes Community Employment Scheme

There are vacancies. Interested, call Michelle at 087 756825.

