

**CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
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**MASSES THIS WEEK**

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

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND**

**Vigil:** *Tim Rafter / Jimmy & Mary Farrell 10.30am. Pauline Maguire, Peggy & Owen Dyer / Jim McDonnell*

**ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND**

**Vigil:** *Rosemary Barden (Months memory) 10.30am: Kathleen Stenson*

**Last weekend Collection €2,218. (including holiday) Thank you.**

**Next Weekend**

**Readers—Vigil:** *John Barry 10.30am. Anne O'Brien*  
**E.Ms. Vigil:** *Al Yorke 10.30am. Michelle Ghee*

**Feast Days**

**April 4<sup>th</sup>** **St Isidore of Seville** (560-636)  
He was bishop of Seville. In art, he is depicted holding a shovel, a farmer.

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** **St Vincent Ferrer** (1350-1419)

**Baptism**

*We welcomed into the Christian family, Logan Patrick Manning, Clonellan on Saturday. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and his family.*

**Confirmation**

*We welcome Bishop Francis Duffy to the parish on Friday next to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. There are 36 boys and girls to be Confirmed this year.*

**Lenten Lunch**

*It's on Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> in Longford Arm's Hotel, & it's in aid of St Christopher's and Longford Hospice. Please support.*

**Miriam and Maria**

On this **Mother's Day** let us reflect on the story of **Miriam** and her daughter **Maria**. They live in **Honduras**, Central America. They live in constant fear; they are affected by life threatening floods up to five times a year.

Rising sea water has depleted much of the coastline in **Pioneer** where they live. After each flood, the sea ends up closer to their village leaving them even more exposed next time. **"I panic when I hear the water is coming. I feel fear for my daughter"**

During a storm the only way to safety is by boat. Safety canals, maintained with the support of **Trocaire**, leads to dry land and safety. After surviving a flood, they must begin again. **Miriam** has to salvage whatever hasn't been destroyed and rebuild their simple home. Vegetable crops have been poisoned, animals drowned and food will soon be running short. The other families in their community face the same struggle, day after day, year after year.

With our support, **Trocaire** is helping communities in the poorest of places by providing early warning systems, classroom training for children and construction materials to prevent flooding, amongst other vital activities.

**Thousands of people all over the world are affected by storms, floods, droughts, earthquakes, famine and conflict as part of their daily lives. It is the poorest of people whom these disasters affect the hardest. Please support the work of Trocaire.**

Take home a Trocaire box, read the information, and return it at Easter.

From: **The Trocaire Box**

**Sleep Out for Simon**

The Midlands Annual Sleep out for Simon, fund raiser is on in **Connolly Barracks** is on, on **Good Friday night**. Can you help a good cause?

**Pioneer National Ball**

This celebration is in the **Sheraton Hotel, Athlone**, on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Guest speaker is **Jim Bulger**. For further info. Call 0876189411  
**Eddie Stone: Newtownforbes, Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00pm.**

**Clocks go forward tonight for the start of Summertime.**

**Happy Mother's Day to all mothers**

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