

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: *Tim Rafter 10.30am: Kitty Quinn (month's memory).*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Eddie & Delia Kiernan & daughter Bernadette / John & Brigid Campbell & Pat & Kathleen Reilly & deceased family members.*

Last weekend Collection: €1915. (including holyday) *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. Anne Devlin.*

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

Feast Days

April 2nd

Palm Sunday

Sunday next, is Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. Palms will be blessed before Mass. Please collect your piece of palm at the door on your way into Mass.

During Holy Week, the church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem.

Pilgrimage to Medugorje

This 7 night pilgrimage is from April 12th – 19th. The cost is €775 per person sharing, inclusive of all meals taxes and transfer from Split airport. To book, call Amy Guinan @ 0876552453.

Trocaire

This year, Trocaire's 50th Anniversary year, the Lenten Appeal focuses on the millions of families in Somalia who are facing starvation because of drought. Take **Nasteha** for example. She is featured on the front of the **Trocaire box**. Before the drought came, **Nasteha** and her family had a good life. They owned a plot of land and a herd of **200** goats. They sold milk and goat meat at the local market to pay for food and family essentials.

But two years without rain changed everything. Temperatures soared to unbearable levels, the crops failed, and the rivers ran dry. **Nasteha's** mother, **Ambiyo**, said it was like nothing they had ever experienced before.. *“Previously, we experienced drought, but it always passed and didn't last and didn't force us out of our homes. Our goats started to die. It was heart-breaking when we were down to our last goat”*

The family heard there was help if they got to a **Trocaire** camp, so they set out with nothing but each other. *“There were many other families making the same journey”* says **Mahat**, **Nasteha's** father *“We met people who lost family members on the journey. They had to bury them on the roadside”* Our donations will help sustain the vital work that **Trocaire** is doing in **Somalia**, providing lifesaving food, health care, and protection to thousands of families.

Footloose

St Mel's Musical Society's production of the musical **Footloose** in on from **April 11-15** in the sports hall in **St Mel's College**. You can book a ticket by calling 0899730175.

Samaritans

Their free to call, **24 hour Confidential Line is 116 123.**

Gambling Therapy

For **free** confidential advise for those with a gambling problem call **086 0597441**

