

# 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 WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *No special intension. 10.30am. Gerard McGrath and parents, Margaret and Murtagh McGrath.*

**Mon.** 7.00pm. *Gerard McGoldrick and parents John and Ellen Jane.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *Jimmy, Brigid, Josephine, Willie, Liam and Gerry Casey*

**10.30am:** Deceased members of the Stapleton and O'Rourke families.

### **Rest in Peace**

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Bridget (Breege) Prunty**, Currygranny, whose funeral took place on Wednesday.*

*Also for the happy repose of the soul of **Lasserina Peters**, Dooroc, Drumlish, and Galway. Funeral Mass in St Mary's Church, Ennybegs, on Sunday at 1.00pm. **Lasserina** is a sister of **Betty DiVincenzo**, Newtownforbes. **May they Rest in Peace.***

**Last weekend Collection:** €1765.00. (including holyday). **Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

<b>Readers—Vigil:</b>	<i>Margaret Kilbane</i>	<b>10.30am.</b> <i>Mary Ginty</i>
<b>E.Ms. Vigil:</b>	<i>Garry Hughes</i>	<b>10.30am.</b> <i>Liam Belton</i>

### **Feast Days**

**Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>** **St Monica (322-387)**

*Monica is best known as the mother of St Augustine. She played a vital part in her son's conversion from a pagan life style to becoming a Christian and eventually bishop of **Hippo** (North Africa)*

**Aug. 28** **St Augustine (354-430)**

## **Failte, Pope Francis**

The visit of Pope Francis this weekend is a special time for all Irish Catholics, the faithful, as he comes to celebrate the closing Mass for the **World Meeting of Families** in the Phoenix Park on Sunday. The visit of Pope Francis has somewhat overshadowed the World Meeting of Families which has been ongoing all week in the RDS.

The importance of family life for the church and society is a subject that is close to the heart of Pope Francis. **Archbishop Diarmuid Martin** also spoke about the importance of the family when he opened WMF on Tuesday. During his homily he said **“There is no such thing as the ideal family. But there is an ideal of family which is what the church is seeking to promote. Plates fly in every family. There are however great families who struggle at times heroically. Where human love fails or is imperfect our response should not just be that of condemnation or exclusion but one of allowing the medicine of mercy to lead people towards a more perfect love”**.

The visit of **Pope Francis** is a special time for all the faithful; for all those who despite everything can say with the people in the first reading today **“We have no intension of deserting the Lord our God and serving other Gods”** Those sentiments are echoed in the Gospel. After Jesus spoke about him being the bread of life it says **“After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him”** When Peter was questioned as to where he stood, he answered for all the apostles when he said **“Lord, who shall we go to, you have the message of eternal life”** This weekend is for all who continue to be faithful followers of the Lord in the catholic tradition, despite all the evil has been exposed in the church in recent times.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock**

The pilgrimage to Knock is on next Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ceremonies begin with the anointing of the sick at 2.30pm. A bus leaves Heaton's, Ballymahon Street, Longford, at 11.20am. **Tickets cost €10.** To book a seat call 043 3346465. **There is no bus from Newtownforbes.**

### **Longford Marathon**

A big thank you to all the people from the parish who helped with the stewarding and the water stations. Without your voluntary help the marathon could not take place.

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