

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: *Tim Rafter.* **10.30am:** *Jody Concannon.*

Thurs: **9.00am:** *Special intention.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Pat McGuinness.* **10.30am:** *No special intention.*

Last weekend Collection: €1390. *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: Anne McCann **10.30 am.** Andrew Hanley.

E.Ms. - Vigil: Garry Hughes **10.30 am.** Liam Belton.

Feast Days

April 1st **St Celsus**

He was abbot of Armagh in the eleventh century. He died on a visit to Munster and was buried at Lismore according to his wishes.

First Friday

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

Lough Derg

The Lough Derg pilgrimage season re-opens on Sunday May 1st with the one - day retreats. The three - day pilgrimage commences on Wednesday June 1st and continue through all of June July and August. Booking is essential. Ph. + 353 (0) 71 9861518.

Pilgrimage, in the words of Pope Francis, is “the most eloquent expression of the faith of God’s people.”

Prodigal Son

There was once a judge in New York City who was notorious for his gentle treatment of criminals. His nick name was “*Cut ‘em loose Bruce.*” He inspired a character on a TV show known as “*Let ‘em go Joe.*” He aroused great indignation on the part of the people who wanted strict justice. They could identify with the older brother in the parable of the **Prodigal Son**. Even the prodigal son himself agrees that he deserves to be treated harshly. He tells his father, “*I no longer deserve to be called your son.*” But Jesus tells us that God is not like that. He not only takes the boy back but he throws a party.

God does not deny the reality of sin. He is not a sentimental old fool who closes his eyes to our shortcomings. He is saddened and indignant when he sees some of the things we do to one another. In this parable Jesus gives us an example of how to temper **justice** with **mercy**.

Let us pray today that God will give us a little bit of his great big heart. Ask for help to - **hate the sin and love the sinner** – to over-come the natural urge for vengeance and go for the supernatural virtue of forgiveness. *Fr James DiGiacomo, SJ.*

Special Collection for Ukraine

The Catholic bishops have asked that a special collection be taken up at **all Masses throughout Ireland this weekend** for the suffering people of **Ukraine**. The proceeds of the **Special Collection** will be directed to **Caritas International**.

Alzheimer’s Café

The virtual monthly meeting is on **Wednesday March30th.** @ 7.30pm. The theme is “*Family Carers Support*”

Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage

The annual pilgrimage is going ahead this year, from **May 23- May27**, four nights. The total cost is **€679** (Hotel Agena) or **€699** (Hotel La Solitude) For further details call **Mons. Bernard Noonan @ 090 6481180.**

Happy Mother’s Day

