

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm Tues 9am. Thurs 9.00am Fri 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil, 7.00pm: Blaise Ireland (month's memory).

10.30am: No special intention.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: Jimmy, Brigid, Josephine, Willie, Liam, Gerry Paddy Casey / Kevin Trappe. 10.30am : No special intention.

Rest in Peace

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Eilish Mulligan, Crenagh, whose funeral was on Saturday. R I P.**

Last weekend Collection: €1421.(inc. Holy Day) *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: Frank Quinn

E.Ms. – Vigiiil: Cathy Murphy 10.30 am: Michelle Feeney

Feast Days

August 28th St Augustine (354-430)

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August 29th Beheading of John the Baptist

Baptism(s)

We welcomed into the Christian Community Olivier Rafal Figura – Hawrylo, Main Street, Newtownforbes and Art Gannon, Castle Glen, last week. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and their families.

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

Who are you?

The followers of **Jesus** are asked two questions in today's Gospel. – firstly who do peoples say that he is. That's the easy question; they just have to report what they have heard others saying. Then the hard question comes, '*who do you say that I am?*' That's putting them on the spot, asking them to make their own minds up, to get off the fence, as it were. **Peter** is the only one who answers, '*You are the Christ, the son of the living God*' This is not something he could have known on his own; this is divine knowledge, given to him by the **Father**. It's a statement made in faith.

It is sometimes difficult today to admit being a person of faith, to tell others that we believe in **God**, more difficulty still to admit that we come to **Mass**. But if we are God's children, then how can we not respond to his love and gather in his name as a family.

And so we pray to the Spirit for the wisdom to discern who we are as God's children in the world today.

Fr John Cummins

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The pilgrimage is on **Sunday September 3rd**. Ceremonies start at 2.00pm. Bus leaves Longford (**Durkins, Ballymahon St**) at 10.45am. Return fee is **€15**. Book a seat at **043 3346465**.

C A S A Volunteers

Longford CASA (Caring and sharing Association) is seeking volunteers to assist at their monthly socials. CASA provides social outlets for adults with physical / intellectual disabilities. Call **Bernie @ 086 1296305**.

Abbott Longford Marathon

The **Longford Marathon** sponsored by **Abbott** will be passing through the village on Sunday. The lead runner should be in the village around **11.15-11.30am**. Runners will be passing through right into the afternoon. Watch out for their safety and give them a shout on.!

Samaritans

Their free to call Confidential Line number is **116 123**. **This is a twenty four hour service.**

