

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil;** *Tommy Williams / Joseph Byrne*

**10.30am:** *Sr Immaculata, Sr Enda and Sr Theresa.*

**Fri.:** *7.00pm: Brigid Vaughan.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *Bridie Flanagan. 10.30am: John Gregg / Jim Conlon.*

**Last weekend Collection: €1313 .00. Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

**Readers—Vigil:** *Sonia Flynn*      **10.30am:** *Cathal Sorohan.*

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

### Feast Days

**Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>**

**St John Bosco (1815-1888)**

*Ordained in 1841 in Piedmont, Italy, John Bosco opened the Oratory in 1856. The Oratory provided two workshops where street children could learn shoemaking and tailoring. In 1859 he founded the Salesian Order which continues the work of education.*

**Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**St Brigid (454-524)**

*Brigid is best known for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She stayed for a while under the direction of St Mel in Ardagh.*

**Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**The Presentation of the Lord**

*Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed before the 7.00pm Mass.*

**Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Saint Blaise (died 315)**

*Bishop of Sebaste, a city in central Turkey. He was martyred in Armenia.*

**First Friday**

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

### Genuine Authority

But man, proud man,

Dress'd in a little brief authority,

Most ignorant of what he's most assur.d....

**William Shakespeare- Measure for Measure**

We probably wouldn't have to look too hard for examples of public figures who seem to fit the above description. Puffed up with a sense of their own importance, they are anxious to be seen as expert on a given subject, in spite of their limited knowledge or experience. We criticize politicians if we feel they are blind to the struggles of ordinary people. They don't know what it's like, for example, to live on the minimum wage, or to be at risk of homelessness. Or on the other hand, it is refreshing when those in power have faced some of these issues themselves, or have made the effort to do their research and to listen to people. We can tell when someone is speaking with genuine authority or care.

Those who listened to **Jesus** teaching in the synagogue (**today's gospel**) knew there is something different and exciting about him. His teaching is in sharp contrast to the scribes they are used to hearing. The difference is his authority and it leaves his audience "**astonished**" He does not use it the way we might tend to use our "little brief authority", to make ourselves look good. Instead he uses his authority to **serve**, to **love**, and to bring **mercy and freedom**.

### Catholic School's Week

Next week is Catholic School's Week. The highlight of the week is **Grandparent's Day**. This will be celebrated in **Scoil Mhuire** on Wednesday next at 10.00am. The grandparents of classes are invited to come along to the ceremony.

### Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community, **Saoirse Helen Donoghue**, Cluian Doire, on Sunday last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and her parents.

### Collectors Rota

The new rota for the weekend Mass offertory collectors is now available for collection in the sacristy.