

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

*Mon 7.00pm Tues 9.00am. Thurs 9.00am, Fri. 7.00pm.*

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

*Vigil 7.00pm: Deceased members of the Hannify family / Joseph Byrne.*

*10.30am: No special intention. Friday 7.00pm: John Burke & Jim McDonell.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

*Vigil 7.00pm: Paddy Douglas & Philomena Mc Eveney.*

*10.30am: Mel Tighe.*

### Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Eugene Prunty**, Eden House, Newtownforbes, whose funeral was on Thursday. May he **Rest in Peace**.*

**Last weekend Collection: €1165 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: Olga Hanly**

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

### Feast Days

**Jan 30<sup>th</sup> St Aidan**

*St Aiden was born around 550 probably in Co Cavan. He founded a monastery in Ferns, Co Wexford.*

**Jan 31<sup>st</sup> St John Bosco (1815-1888)**

*Born in Piedmont, Italy, he founded the **Salesian** order. He is the patron saint of youth.*

## St Brigid

St Brigid, the female patron saint of Ireland whose feast day is next Thursday was born in 450 in **Faughard**, near Dundalk, Co Louth. Her father was a pagan chieftain and it is thought that her mother was born in **Portugal** and brought to Ireland as a slave just like St Patrick. Brigid spent her early life working on her pather's farm.

Inspired by **St Patrick's** preaching, Brigid decided to become a Christian. Her father wanted her to find a husband but Brigid decided she wanted to spend her life working for God helping the poor. Many young girls joined her and she established many convents the most famous being in **Kildare**. There she also founded a school of art, including metal work and illumination and it was there the famous **Book of Kildare** was created.

Brigid died in Kildare in **524**. After some time, her remains were exhumed and transferred to **Downpatrick** to rest with the two other patron saints of Ireland, **Patrick** and **St Colmcille**. Her skull was taken to Lisbon (Portugal) where it remains to this day.

### Candlemas Day

February 2<sup>nd</sup> is **Candlemas Day**. It is the feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**. At the presentation in the temple Simeon refers to Jesus as '*a light to reveal God to the nations*' Candles will be blessed before the **7.00pm** Mass.

### St Blaise

Because the feast of **St Blaise** falls on the weekend, the blessing of the troats will take place on **Monday February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm.**

### Mass Readers

Please call to the sacristy to collect the **St Paul Sunday** missal and the rota for 2024.

### The Samaritans

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

