

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Margaret O'Hara. (Months Memory). **10.30am.** Thomas Lyons.
Mon: 7.00pm. Michael and Annie Murphy. **Tues: 7.00pm.** Bartley and Celia Mahon and Ellie Cronin. **Fri: 7.00pm.** Gerry Fallon.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Dr Gerald and Maureen Donnelly. **10.30am.** Paddy and Bridie McGowan / Seán, Sarah & Anne Marie Ryan and decease family members.

Last weekend Collection's €1, 560. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Geraldine McVeigh **10.30am.** Laura Hussey
E.Ms. Vigil: Al Yorke **10.30am.** Elizabeth Moore

Feast Day

Nov 30th **St Andrew (Apostle)**

He was a fisherman and the brother of St Peter.

Dec 3rd **St Francis Xavier (1506—1552)**

He worked in Goa in India, as a missionary.

Baptism

We welcome into the Christian family Hannah Mary Sutherland, Castle Glen on Sunday last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptised and her family.

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

Holy Hour: Our Lady's Manor, Mostrim, Dec. 2nd @ 9pm. 0860405621

Lift the Lid

How many of us can truly say that our lives are an open book? Transparency' is a bit of a buzz word in the media these days. With every scandal that hits the headlines uncovering the corrupt practices of some public figure or another, our trust is shaken. When it is a person from whom we would have expected better, or whose actions have hurt countless others, we are left to ponder the whys and hows of it all---How could they live a double life for so long? And how on earth did they think they would get away with it?

But when we think about it, how many of us are living truly transparent lives? Do our outside selves always match our inner selves? **We may be harbouring grudges or nasty thoughts about family members, friends, colleagues or acquaintances. Maybe we are cheating or being dishonest in some small way, or cutting corners in our work.** It is likely that we have built up some habits or practices that we would rather no one knew about.

In our second reading today, Paul talks about the 'things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark', and urges us to 'arm ourselves and appear in the light'. As we enter into Advent, it is the ideal time to examine our own lives—to come out into the light.

Triona Doherty (Intercom Magazine).

Safeguarding Message from Bishop Francis Duffy

During this season of Advent many children will be involved in preparations for Christmas liturgies. It is a special time for them and for their families. I wish to thank our **Safeguarding Representatives** in the forty-one parishes for their work in ensuring the safety of children in all church related activities. I encourage everyone with concerns regarding the safety of children or anyone who suffers in the past to contact our Designated Persons -- **Seán Leydon (087-7431649)** or **Róisín O'Doherty (087-3327587)** or **An Garda Soichana.**

St Christophers Services

Watch out for the "Pop Up" **Craft Shop** in New Street, Longford November 28th—December 16th