

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Kathleen O'Rourke (Month's memory) / Mary Bryson.

10.30am: George McAvey & Sr Gabriel.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Noel & Bridget Piggott. 10.30am: No special intention.

Last weekend Collection: €1005.00. 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: Geraldine McVeigh. 10.30 am: Laura Hussey.

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

Feast Days

Nov.30th

St Andrew (Apostle)

*Andrew was **St Peter's** brother, and was called by Jesus. "As **Jesus** was walking by the **Sea of Galilee**, he saw two brothers, **Simon** who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea: they were fishermen" Legend now has it that Andrew preached the Good News in **Greece and Turkey** and that he was crucified at **Patras**.*

Dec.3rd

St Francis Xavier (1506-1552)

*A Jesuit, Francis was ordained in **Venice** in 1537. Francis ministered mostly in **India**, around **Goa**, where there is a sizeable Catholic population to this day.*

First Friday

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

Th Season of Advent

You may have noticed some changes in the church this weekend. A **wreath** with candles has appeared in the sanctuary. The colour of the vestments is now somber violet rather than green; the '**Glory to God in the highest**' is omitted at the beginning of the Mass. The prayers and the readings of the Mass take on a certain character. We hear words like '**longing**', '**waiting**', '**preparing**', '**promise**', '**coming**'. The short season of Advent has begun. It is a season that invites us to prepare for the feast of Christmas by focusing on what is really important in life.

In today's gospel we hear the Advent call to '**Watch**', to '**Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.**' The call to watch is a call to pay attention to what is really important. For us as Christians, what is ultimately important is our relationship with the Lord. That relationship is the foundation of all our other relationships. Advent invites us to pay attention to that most important of relationships. The great prayer of Advent is '**Come Lord Jesus**' In Advent we invite the Lord to come into our lives more fully.

Fr Martin Hogan

First Holy Communion--- Enrollment

Enrollment for **First Holy Communion** has been postponed to a later date, hopefully sometime before Christmas. It was due to take place at this weekend Masses.

Envelopes for 2022

The boxes of envelopes for **2022** are ready for distribution. They may be collected in the sacristy. We are very grateful to those who each year take on the task of distributing the envelopes.

Trocaire Collection

To date the Trocaire collection for the suffering people of East Africa has come to **€3,070**. The final figure will be announced next weekend. Please mark your envelope -**Trocaire**.