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**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Mon 7.00pm Tues 10.00am Thurs 10.00am Fri 10.00am.**

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND**

**Vigil 7.00pm :** *No special intention* **10.30am:** *Deceased members of the Reilly & Quinn families.*

**ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND**

**Vigil 7.00pm:** *Hugh Quinn.* **10.30am:** *Danny Reilly (month's memory))Nuala Rahill.*

**Last weekend Collection: €1302** *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 7.00pm:** Anne McCann. **10.30am:** Anne O'Brien.

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

**Feast Days**

**Dec 29<sup>th</sup>** **St Thomas Becket** (Bishop & Martyr)

*Thomas Becket was the archbishop of Canterbury (London) He was murdered in his cathedral in 1170.*

**Jan 1<sup>st</sup>** **Mary mother of the Church**

*Mary's title "Mother of God" goes back to the third or fourth century.*

**Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>** **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

**First Friday**

*Friday next is the **First Friday**. The usual house calls will be done at the usual times. **Fr McGovern** is more than happy to take **Holy Communion** to anyone in the parish who is house bound.*

**Readers**

*Please call to the sacristy to collect the **St Paul Sunday missal** for 2026.*

**Meals on Wheels** – *Church gate collection came to €600- Thanks.*

**Family**

Today is the feast of the **Holy Family**. The following is a piece **Pope Francis** once wrote about family life.

**Dear families**, you know well that the true joy we experience within our families is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, or from a life of comfort. True joy comes from profound harmony between people; it is something we feel in our hearts, something that lets us feel the beauty of being together, of helping each other along life's path. But at the base of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of **God** in our family, and **His love**, which is welcoming, merciful, and respectful towards all. Above all it is patient. **Patience is a virtue that God teaches us within the family, how to be loving and patient with each other.**

When love of God is lacking, family loses its sense of harmony; self-centredness prevails, and joy fades. But families that live the joy of faith communicate naturally. They are the salt of the earth.

**Wedding Bell**

Congratulations to **Mairead McGarry**, Caldra and **Andrew Lawler**, Four Roads, Co. Roscommon, who were married on Saturday.

**Shane Brennan 5K**

Thanks to all who participated in the **5K run / walk** on St Stephen's day. It was a great success. More details next week.

**Adoration**

There is Eucharistic Adoration each **Wednesday** from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. All are welcome to this very special time of prayer.

**Samaritans**

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

St Mel's Family Centre Meeting times – **Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 1pm; Wednesday and Saturday at 8pm; Sunday @ 11.30am**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**