

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00am. Tues. 9.00am Wed. 9.00am Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Sammy Denniston / Rose Mullaney / Michael Mahon & deceased family members / Peg and John Houlihan.*

10.30am: *John, Elizabeth and Liam Jordan and Sr Anne Jordan.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Peter Watters 10.30am: No special intention*

Last weekend Collection: €1395. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: <i>Anne McCann</i>	10.30am: <i>Laura Hussey</i>
E.Ms. Vigil: <i>Garry Hughes</i>	10.30am. <i>Joanne Quinn</i>

Feast Days

April 29th **St Catherine of Siena** (*Patron of Europe*)

Living in fourteenth century Italy Catherine is remembered as a mystic and religious reformer.

May 1st. **St Joseph the Worker**

In 1955 Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St Joseph the Worker in response to the Communist's May Day celebrations.

May 3rd **SS Philip and James** (*Apostles*)

Baptisms

*We welcomed into the Christian Community **Luke Patrick McGoe**, Meadow Court and **Leo Liam Kolano**, Ballagh, last weekend. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and their families.*

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

The Doubting Saint

Thomas' moment of doubt in today's gospel earned him the nickname 'Doubting Thomas', and I sometimes think this is a little unfair. Or rather, I feel that Thomas' wobble of faith does not necessarily cast him in a negative light- it makes him easier to relate to.

He is grieving after the death of his master and friend. He is not ready to receive the words of consolation offered by the others, when they tell him 'We have seen the Lord'. His pain is too deep. He can't believe it, until he experienced it for himself. And when he does finally encounter Jesus, an agonizing eight days later, his declaration of faith is swift: 'My Lord and my God' We can almost hear the relief and joy in his exclamation.

We all know that life can be painful and messy at times. It can be hard to hang on to our faith when we are in pain, or grieving or anxious. It might be difficult to accept the assurances of others that God is with us and will help us through it. We might also struggle to pray. In dark times, sometimes we struggle to see the light. **Thomas is a saint for those times of darkness and doubt.**

In our darkest days, may we, like Thomas, encounter the healing presence of the Risen Lord. **Triona Doherty- Intercom magazine.**

Trocaire

The response to the **Trocaire** collection has been very good. To date **€3665** has come in, and it is growing day by day. There is still plenty of time to contribute. Put your donation in the **Trocaire** envelope or any envelope and write **Trocaire** on it. All cheques should be made out to **Trocaire.**

Lough Derg

The Lough Derg one day retreats begin on Saturday **May 4th** and continue throughout the month of May. For bookings call **071 9861518.**

Accord Marriage Preparation

Accord Longford is recruiting Volunteer Facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church, and if you have the enthusiasm to be part of the **Accord Team** in supporting couples who are preparing for the sacrament of marriage, call Fr. **Michael McGrath** at 043 3346465 or Fr **Pat Murphy** at 071 9631024. or see www.accord.ie

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