

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Mary O'Malley /Patrick McEveney & deceased members of the Shanley family / Deceased members of the McCann family.*

10.30am: *Joe Egan*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *No special intention* **10.30am:** *Mick Fleming*

Last weekend Collection: €1,287. **Thank you.**

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: *Clarice Barry* **10.30am.** *Patricia O'Brien*

E.Ms. Vigil: *Anne Duke* **10.30am.** *Liam Belton*

Feast Day

June 1st **St Justin (Martyr- 165ad)**

He is remembered for his defence of Christian belief and practice

June 3rd **St Kevin**

St Kevin was abbot of Glendalough. He died in 618.

June 4th **Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions (Martyrs)**

They are also known as the Ugandan Martyrs. They died in 1886.

June 5th. **St Boniface (673-754)**

He was born and educated in England. As a missionary in Germany he founded monasteries in Bavaria.

Baptism

*We welcomed into the Christian Community on Sunday last, **Sadie Gabriel Flanagan**, Curryline Close. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and her family.*

First Friday

The usual house calls will be done at the usual times on Friday next.

Ascension Day

The real meaning of today's feast, the **Feast of the Ascension** is well expressed in the promise of the risen Lord to his disciples: "**Know that I am with you always, yes to the end of time**". The Lord promises to be with his church until the end of time. Earlier in the gospel Jesus had spoken the parable of the wheat and the weeds, suggesting that the church was a mixture of the good and the not so good. Jesus understood that the church would always have this mixture. Something of this is evident in the response of the disciples to the risen Lord in today's gospel reading: "**They fell down before him, though some hesitated.**"

That group of disciples who were to be the core group of the new church were characterized by a readiness to surrender - and great hesitation before him. The people who make up the church are far from perfect; they are sinners striving to do the will of the Lord. **It is this flawed group that the Lord promises to be with until the end of time.**

We the church need to hear that reassuring promise again and again—especially in those times when as church we are aware that we are not yet all that the Lord is calling us to be.

Martin Hogan

Longford County Choir

Summer Celebration Concert in St Mel's Cathedral on this Sun. May 28th with leading Irish tenor, **Peter O'Reilly**, soprano, **Rosemary Connolly** and a chamber orchestra. Tickets at the door, only €10. Time:7.30pm.

Longford Women's Link

Women subjected to domestic violence and abuse in the home can avail of help, free and confidential. Call 043 3341511.

Grow

If you are lonely or isolated or suffering from stress why not go along a practical psychology of mental health. Call John- 086 8033126.

All Night Vigil

This vigil is in Our Lady's Manor, Edgeworthstown, on Friday next starting at 9.00pm.