# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER MAY 28th 2023

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# MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm.Tues 9.00am Fri 7.00pm ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm: Mary Ralph /Mary O'Malley / Brigid McGee / Joanne

Maguire

10.30am: Dr Elaine Johnson / Vincent & Anna Rose Reilly. Fri.7.00pm: Pat & Bridie Brady & son Seamus. ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: No special intention. 10.30am: Frank Byrne.

#### Last weekend Collection: €925 *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 : Carmel O'Shea10.30 am: Bernie ReillyE.Ms. – Vigiil: Anne Marie Williams10.30 am: Anne O'Brien

# Feast Days

May 31<sup>st</sup>

#### The Visitation

This feast day celebrates the visit of **Mary** to her cousin **Elizabeth**. Although the feast day goes back to the middle ages this date was fixed in **1969** in order to follow **The Annunciation of the Lord** (March  $25^{th}$ ) and the Birthday of **John the Baptist** (June  $24^{th}$ ).

## **First Friday**

Friday next is the first **Friday of June**. The usual house calls will be done at the usual times.

#### Samaritans

Their free to call, 24 hour Confidential Line is 116 123.

# Pentecost

Pentecost Day is the day on which the Church was founded. A fearful group of men and women became what **St Paul** calls in todat's second reading , the **body of Christ**.

However **Pentecost** is not simply a past event. The Church is always in need of a fresh **Pentecost**. In his ministry, **Jesus** encourages us to keep on praying for the coming of the **Holy Spirit** into our lives. We are in ongoing need of a fresh **Pentecost** not only for the church as a whole but also for ourselves as individuals who make up the church. One prayer to the **Holy Spirit** that spells this out is the *sequence* (see missalette). "*Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour thy dew: bend the stubbern heart and will; melt the frozen; warm the chill; guide the steps that go astray*"

Today, we pray for a fresh outpouring of the **Spirit** upon us so that we may have a new desire and a new energy to do the work of the Lord. **Martin Hogan** 

#### Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to Aoife McCormack, Meadow Court and Darren Flaherty, Longford, who were recently married in St Mary's Church, Newtownforbes. We wish the newly weds every blessing in the times ahead.

## **Alzheimer Society**

The monthly meeting will be held in the Attic House, Ballinalee Rd on Wednesday May 31<sup>st</sup> @ 7.00pm

#### **Bus to Knock**

Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date of the Rosary Rally in Knock. Bus leaves Connolly baracks at 10.00am. To book a seat call 0879016062.

### **Lough Derg- Bus**

The pilgrimage season has begun. The one day retreats started on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The three day pilgrimages begins on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The St Mel's pilgrimage to Lough Derg is from June 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>. Bus leaves from Connolly Barracks at 9.00am. To book a seat call 087 6613510.