

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: *Elizabeth & Joe Byrne. 10.30am: Elizabeth Neary.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Conor O'Reilly / Elizabeth McVeigh (Months Memory)*

10.30am: *Thomas McGuire.*

Last weekend Collection: €1005. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: <i>Margaret Kilbane</i>	10.30am: <i>Patricia Keenan</i>
E.Ms. Vigil: <i>James Quinn</i>	10.30am: <i>Michelle Ghee</i>

Feast Days

July 29th

St Martha

Martha and Mary and their brother Lazarus were close friends of Jesus. It was Martha who said "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world" after Jesus restored her brother Lazarus to life.

July 31st

St Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)

*St Ignatius of Loyola is the founder of the **Jesuits**. During his convalescence after a cannon ball had shattered his leg, he read the *Lives of the Saints*. This led to his conversion and religious awakening. Pope Francis is a Jesuit.*

Aug. 1st

St Alphonsus Liguori (1696- 1787)

*He founded the **Redemptorist Congregation** in 1732 in Naples, Italy. He is remembered as a popular preacher and an influential writer.*

First Friday

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

Prayer

When it comes to prayer, we can all feel a little inadequate. We often feel our prayer is not all it could be. This can be discouraging.

St Paul was aware of how we can struggle to pray. In the **Letter to the Romans** he declares "*We do not know how to pray as we ought.*" And then he adds "*The spirit helps us in our weakness.....that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words*". Paul is saying that a wordless prayer of the Spirit is going on within us even as we struggle to find words.

In today's gospel Jesus teaches his disciples to pray and he gives them the words to use. The **Lord's Prayer** is our prayer too. It's the first prayer we learn as children and the prayer we turn to in times of crisis.

The opening lines of the **Our Father** are all about honouring or hallowing God's name. Only after those petitions that focus on God does Jesus teach us to focus on our own needs. **We are to pray for our**

daily bread, all that we need each day for our journey through life. We live in an imperfect world. We ourselves are imperfect and we have to deal with imperfect people and, so, we will always stand in need of God's forgiveness. In this world we will be assailed by evils in various forms, which will often put our faith to the test. We need to turn to God to keep us faithful when the trials come.

In today's gospel Jesus is teaching us that prayer is always a going out of ourselves towards God and towards others.

Readers Rota

The new readers rota is now ready. **Mass Readers** please call to the sacristy to collect your rota.

Free Computer Classes

Free computer classes are available in the Longford area to all those who are over 55. The classes are conducted in the Longford library. For further information call Age Action at 091 527831.

Irish Wheelchair Association

Church gate collection this weekend. Please support.