

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: Nicola Murphy, Paddy Joe & Anne Murphy & their son Gerard / Michael & Frances Quinn / Special intention.

10.30am: No special intention.

Thurs 9.00am: Jim Ross. **Fri** 7.00pm: Leah Sheridan.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: JJ Dolan (month's memory) & Chris Egan.

10.30am: No special intention.

Last weekend Collection: €830 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: Geraldine McVeigh **10.30am:** Anne Devlin

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

Feast Days

Sept. 29th SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Archangels)

Sept. 30 St Jerome (340-420)

St Jerome is famous for having translated the Bible into Latin.

Oct 1st St Terese of the Child Jesus (1873-18970)

She is also known as St Therese of Liseaux (France) and The Little Flower. Shortly before her death at the age of 24 she wrote "I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth"

Oct 2nd Guardian Angels

Oct 4th St Francis of Assisi (1181 -1226)

First Friday

Fiday next is the **First Friday**. The usual house calls to the homes of the housebound will be done at the usual times.

“Canticle of the Creatures”

The **Canticle of the Creatures** is the title of a famous poem composed by **St Francis of Assisi** 800 years ago. The canticle consists of **23 verses**, each dedicated to a specific aspect of creation, including **sun, moon, wind, water, fire, and earth**. The poem expresses gratitude and praise for the beauty and harmony of the natural world, emphasizing the presence of God within each element.

St Francis refers to these elements as **brothers** and **sisters**, reflecting St Francis' belief in the interconnectedness of all of God's creation.

Blessing of family pets

St Francis, whose feast day is **October 4th** (Next Saturday), is the patron saint of animals who he also called his **brothers** and **sisters**. To mark the feast day we will have a blessing of family pets on **Sunday (Oct. 5th) at 3.00pm** in the garden beside the children's playground, opposite the school. The family pet is a treasured member of many households. All family pets are welcome to the blessing. (remind **Rover** to be on his best behavior !). At the recent **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting it was even suggested that there should be a **paws** for reflection before the prayer of blessing !!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

A reminder: **adoration** each **Wednesday** from **7.00pm – 8.00pm**.

Samaritans

Their free to call Confidential Line number is **116 123**. This is a twenty four hour service. The **Samaritan** confidential line needs **volunteers**. No experience or qualifications are needed. Training and support will be provided.

Email Athlone.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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