

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil: *Tommy Williams. 10.30am: Mel Tighe.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Philomena & Patrick McEveney & Paddy Douglas / John Gregg / Joseph Byrne. 10.30am: Tom Doris (Month's mind)*

Friday 7.00pm: *Bridget Vaughan.*

Last weekend Collection: €872. *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 (Christmas)

Readers – Vigil: *Liam Madden. 10.30 am: Patricia O'Brien.*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Garry Hughes. 10.30 am. Sarah McCormack.*

Feast Days

Jan. 30th

St John Bosco (1815-1888)

John Bosco, an Italian priest, founded the Salesian order.

Feb. 1st

St Brigid, Abbess (454-524)

St Brigid is a secondary patron saint of Ireland. She received her spiritual formation from St Mel and stayed for a while in Ardagh. She founded a convent in Kildare.

Feb. 2nd

The Presentation of the Lord

This is Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed before Mass on Thursday. People are invited to place their candles on the table in front of the altar.

Feb. 3rd

St Blaise

The traditional blessing of the throats will take place after Mass on Friday evening.

A PORTRAIT OF JESUS

The beatitudes in today's gospel reading could be understood as a portrait of Jesus himself, a kind of self portrait. They describe his core attitudes and values. He more than anyone else is **poor in spirit**, trusting in God above all else; **he is gentle**; he is the one who **mourns** because people are not doing what God wants, and who, himself, **hungers and thirsts** to do God's will; he is **merciful** to all who are broken in body or spirit; he is **pure in heart** in that his heart is not divided but totally given over to the love of God and the service of all God's people; he is the **peacemaker** who seeks by his life and his death to reconcile all people to God and to each other. He is the one who was prepared to be **persecuted** in the doing of God's will and in the carrying out of God's purpose.

If the beatitudes are a **portrait of Jesus**, they are also a portrait of what we are called to be as followers of **Jesus**. The beatitudes announce that those who live by these attitudes and values are blessed because of the future **God** has in store for them.

Fr Martin Hogan

Scoil Mhuire Enrolment

Parents hoping to send their child to **Scoil Mhuire** in September should contact the school in the next few weeks. The school phone number **043 3345220**. The principal is **Mr Noel McKeon**.

First Friday

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

Welcome

Today, Sunday, the **Rev Simon Scott** will be installed as rector of **St John's** parish, **Longford** and **St Pauls, Newtownforbes**. The ceremony is at **3.30** in St John's church. We wish **Rev. Simon** every blessing in his new appointment.

