

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

**Mon** 7.00pm. **Tues.** 7.00pm **Wed.** 10.30am. **Thurs** 9.00am, **Fri.** 7.00pm.

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**Vigil 7.00pm:** Paddy & Mary Cox, their daughter Anne & Brigid O'Rourke / Pat & Maura Cooney. **10.30am:** Kitty & Hughie Flynn / Christine & Ben Hughes / Roger Ward. **Mon. 7.00pm:** Special intention.

**Fri 7.00pm:** Mary Conlon.

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil 7.00pm:** Mary Mulfaul / Deceased members of the Curley family.  
**10.30am:** P J Bennett / James & Kathleen Killian.

**Last weekend Collection:** €1375. *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:** Liam Madden **10.30 am :** Olga Hanly.

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

### Feast Days

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**All Saints**

*This feast day started as a commemoration of “all martyrs” in the fourth century. From the year 800 the feast of All Saints has been observed on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Masses: Vigil: Tuesday 7.00pm, Wednesday 10.30am.*

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**All Souls**

*The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. Since nobody achieves perfection in this life but rather go to the grave scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification may be necessary before a soul comes face to face with God. This is the doctrine of Purgatory. Mass: Thursday. 9.00am.*

## Love

I came across an ancient Welsh greeting recently which goes, ‘ *Hail guest, we ask not what thou art; if friend, we greet thee, hand and heart; if stranger, such no longer be; if foe, our love shall conquer thee*’ There is great dept to this greeting – friend, stranger , foe. I find the last line , in particular, very striking. *’If foe, our love shall conquer thee’*

The history of the human race would suggest that those considered enemies or foes are seen as people to be conquered by force. We don’t normally think of love as conquering our enemies. Yet, this is very much in line with the life and message of Jesus. He came to reveal **God’s** love, by his life, death and resurrection, a life that sought to conquer hatred and sin.

Jesus demonstrated this extraordinary divine love when he prayed to **God** on the cross for his enemies, asking **God** to forgive them for they do not know what they are doing. This love which conquers foes was present in many of Jesus’ parables, especially in the story of the **Good Samaritan**.

**Martin Hogan**

### Longford Hospice - Coffee Morning

**Mary & John Joe McVeigh**, Leitrim Cross wishes to **thank** all who supported their recent coffee morning in aid of Longford Hospice. **€3,000** was raised in total. **Well done.**

### First Friday

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

### Gamblers Anonymous

Founded by **Jim Willis** in 1957, this organization helps people with a gambling problem. Call **087 748 5878**, Dublin (10am-10pm) or **086 349 4450** (Galway) or **083 2025899**.

### The Samaritans

Their free to call Confidential Line number is **116 123**. **This is a twenty four hour service.**

