

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.30pm: *Hugh Quinn*. 10.30am: *No special intention*.

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *No special intention* 10.30am: *No special intention*.

Last weekend Collection: €1350. *Thank you.*

Christmas Collection: €3200. *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: *Anne Marie Williams* 10.30am: *Anne O'Brien*

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

### Feast Days.

Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

Mary, Mother of God

*Without naming Mary, St Paul asserts that “God sent his son, born of a woman, under the law” Paul’s further statement that “God sent the spirit of his son into our hearts, crying out Abba Father” helps us realize that Mary is mother to all the brothers and sisters of Jesus.*

*New year’s day Mass: Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.00pm.*

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>

Most Holy Name of Jesus

*St Paul wrote to the Philippians that God the Father gave Christ Jesus “the name that is above every name”*

*The name, Jesus should always be used with great reverence and respect.*

### The Year Ahead – A Wish

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,  
but by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making our path easy,

but by making us sturdy to travel any path;

not by taking hardship from us,

but by taking fear from our hearts

Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making our life always pleasant,

But by showing us when people and their causes need us most,

And by making us anxious to be there to help.

God’ love, peace and joy to us for the year ahead.

### A Prayer

Lord, you make all things new, you bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year, for all the potential it holds. Come and enkindle in us a mighty flame, so that in our time many will see the wonders of **God**, and live forever to praise his glorious name.

Authors unknown

### First Friday

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

### Shane Brennan 5K

There was a huge turnout for the annual walk/run on St Stephen’s Day. The favourable weather was a big help. The race was won by (men) **Barry Shields**, Longford A C in 16.00 minutes. The ladies winner was **Emma Brennan**, Longford A C, 18.13. 377 athletes completed the course. First Clonguish finisher, **Ross Gannon**, Castle Glen.

### The Samaritans

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

