

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues 9.00am. Wed. 9.00am. Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Rose Mullaney / Peter Watters / Michael Mahon & deceased family members. 10.30am. John, Elizabeth & Liam Jordan & Sr Anne Jordan. Friday: Special intension.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Kitty Griffin (Months Memory) 10.30am. No Special intension*

Last weekend Collection: €1,360 .00. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: <i>Sonia Flynn</i>	10.30am: <i>Anne O'Brien</i>
E.Ms. Vigil: <i>Anne Duke</i>	10.30am. <i>Joanne Quinn</i>

Feast Days

April 30th

St Pius V- Pope (1505-1572)

May 1st

St Joseph the Worker

*Apparently in response to the **May Day** celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists throughout Europe, **Pope Pius XII** instituted the feast of St Joseph the Worker in 1955.*

May 3rd

SS Philip & James (Apostles)

Baptism

*We welcomed into the Christian Community, **Robbie Sean McIntyre, White Linen Woods, Longford, on Saturday. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and his parents.***

First Friday

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

Connected

When Jesus says that he is the vine and we are the branches, in today's gospel, he is saying that he is the source of life and all that is good in us.

The best things in us - generosity, mercy, justice, forgiveness, integrity are our response to his grace. The worst things in us- greed, injustice, violence, spite, dishonesty- come from our rejection of him and what he stands for. These are the things that must be pruned away if we are to bear fruit. And we cannot do that without his help.” **I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing”**

He wants us to think for ourselves and take responsibility for our lives. Without him, we cannot be the persons **God** meant us to be. **We pray that, as his disciples, we may be branches that bear much fruit.**

Fleadh Cheoil -Longfort

A warm welcome to all who have come to Newtownforbes this weekend to participate and enjoy the County Longford Fleadh.

Alzheimer society

The Longford branch host their annual Tea Day on Thurs. May 3rd from 10.00am- 1.00pm. in their office at No 2 Earl St, Longford.

Parish Pastoral Council

The May meeting of the **P P C** will be held in the Parochial House on Tuesday at 8.00pm.

World Meeting of Families- Wedding Anniversaries

To mark the occasion of the **World Meeting of Families** in Dublin in August the **Parish Pastoral Council** would like to hear from married couples in the parish who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year- one ending in 0 or 5. Already a number of couples have indicated that 2018 is a significant anniversary and they are delighted to be honoured in this way.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to **Brian McGowan**, Cartrons and **Martina Dennigan**, Lanesboro, who were married on Friday in **St Mary's Church, Lanesboro**. We wish the newly -weds every blessing in the times ahead.

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