

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00am **Tues.** 9.00am **Wed.** 9.00am **Thurs** 9.00am **Fri** 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *John & Bridget Ghee. 10.30am Elizabeth Neary*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Conor O'Reilly / Margaret & Frank McVeigh.*

10.30am. Thomas Maguire.

Last weekend Collection: €1170 .00. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: *Colleen McHale 10.30am. Laura Hussey*

E.Ms. Vigil: *Al Yorke 10.30am. Joanne Quinn*

Feast Days

July 31st St Ignatius Loyola (1491-1560)

Ignatius founded the Jesuits of whom Pope Francis is a member. It was during his convalescence in hospital after having his leg shattered by a cannonball that Ignatius began to take his faith seriously. In hospital he read the life of Christ as there wasn't much else to do.

Aug. 1st St Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787)

Alphonsus founded the Redemptorists religious order in 1732. His focus was on promoting parish missions for which the Redemptorists became famous.

Croagh Patrick

The annual pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick takes place today (Sunday). Hopefully all pilgrims will get to the summit and back safely.

First Friday

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

Generosity

The priest had left the altar at the end of Mass happy that he had preached a good sermon. Later in the sacristy an elderly woman came to enquire if anyone had left in a shopping bag. She said she had brought it to church with her and now couldn't find it. The sacristan gave her the bad news; no one had left in a bag.

The priest was expecting her to say: "What kind of person would steal from another person in the house of God?" But she said no such thing. Without a trace of anger or bitterness, she said simply, "**Maybe the person who took it needs it more than I do.**"

What was in the bag? the priest asked "Two loaves of bread" the woman replied.

Her answer delighted the priest. But it also humbled him because he knew that in her position he would not have been so generous in his response to the theft of his property. He was also humbled for another reason. He was preaching generosity; this woman was practicing it. Hers was generosity of heart.

Flor McCarthy.

World Meeting of Families

If there are any families resident in the parish (not individuals) who would like to attend the Festival of Families in Croke Park- as a family- on Saturday evening August 25th (Pope Francis will be there) please contact Fr McGovern in the next few days.

Relics

The relics of **Saints Louis and Zelia** and their daughter **Saint Therese of Lisieux (France)** will arrive in St Mel's Cathedral at 11.00am on Thursday August 9th and will depart at 8.00am on Friday August 10th.

Knock Novena

This year's novena is from **August 14th to August 22**. The ceremonies are held each day at 3.00pm and 8.30pm.

Tax Relief Scheme

The certificates for the Tax Relief Scheme were sent out during the week gone by to those who have not already signed on. Please return the certificates as soon as you can. This scheme is a great source of income for the parish.