

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Nora O'Reilly & son Conor / Pat Walker. **10.30am:** No intention.

Mon. 7.00pm: Paddy Joe & Anne Murphy & son Gerard.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Jimmy, Brigid, Josephine, Willie, Liam, Gerry & Paddy Casey.

10.30am: James & Elizabeth O'Neill.

Last weekend Collection: €827.00. *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: Clodagh McCann. **10.30 am:** Patricia O'Brien
E.Ms. - Vigil: Al Yorke **10.30 am:** Elizabeth Moore.

Feast Days

Aug. 31st St Aiden of Lindisfarne (Died 651)

He was of Irish descent and a monk on the island of Iona (Scotland). He was invited by the king of Northumberland to convert his people.

Sept.3rd St Gregory the Great (540-604)

As pope he referred to himself the 'servant of the servants of Christ'

First Friday

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

Church Cleaners (God's Housekeepers)

Now that the church is allowed to have more people at Mass, weddings and funerals, it could be a good time to get our teams organized again.

New members are always welcome.

What's in the Heart

Jesus has a problem with the **Pharisees** in today's Gospel. The **Pharisees** were pious men who took **God** seriously. They tried to spell out in exact detail, what each of **God's** commandments entailed. For example, journeys were forbidden on the Sabbath. How many steps added up to a journey? The rules were originally meant to preserve the spirit of obedience to God's will, but Jesus saw that the letter of the law was killing the spirit.

Some of us are old enough to remember when we **Catholics** became a bit too legalistic. If a lady didn't wear a hat in church? How late could you come to Mass without committing sin? What constituted 'work on Sundays'. We tried a little too hard to reduce the Christian life to a list of rules and regulations. However, without rules we could get sloppy.

But God's commandments are ideals. They tell us to honour our parents, to be truthful, to respect one another's persons and property. That's not a catalogue of restrictions; it's a guide to a better life.

Jesus reminds us that we should respect the law, but not be too rigid. **The Ten Commandments** are meant to be guides, not chains. As Jesus says in another place, the **Sabbath** was made for people, not people for the **Sabbath**. When we obey **God** in this spirit, his commands become a source of genuine truth and life.

James DiGiacomo SJ

Back to School

Schoil Mhuire re-opens after the long summer break on **Tuesday**, August 31st.

QQ Level 5

Mohill Computer Centre is offering computer training. For further information call 071 9632024.

