

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *No special intention. 10.30am: John & Elizabeth Stapleton, Tim & Bridie O'Rourke & deceased family members.*

Mon: 7.00pm. *Jim Ross & deceased family members.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Deceased members of the Burke family / Michael Farrell & son Liam. 10.30am: Pat Stenson.*

Last weekend Collection: €1050.00. *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: Fionuala Carthy

E.Ms. - Vigil: Al Yorke 10.30 am: Liam Belton

Feast Days

Oct. 4th St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

He is the founder of Franciscan religious order and with St Clare, the Poor Clare order for women.

Oct. 7th Our Lady of the Rosary

Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of Mary who was "in a special manner associated with the incarnation, Passion and glorious Resurrection of the Son of God"

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community on Saturday, Molly Bridget McGowan, Railway Court. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and her family.

A Day for Life

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The theme this year 'The Good Samaritan: a model of compassion'.

In the context of the recent proposal to introduce assisted suicide, both in Ireland and the UK, this year's message invites Catholics to consider a more positive and compassionate response to the care of people who are in the final stages of life.

Recent Church teachings remind us that Jesus gave us the image of the **Good Samaritan** as the model for our compassion and our solidarity with those who find themselves vulnerable and who fear being abandoned in their final illness. **The Good Samaritan is the one who "crosses over" "who binds up wounds" and who, most important of all "stays with" the person for as long as is required.**

Assisted suicide presumes that there will be somebody who has the required skills and who is prepared to 'assist' in bringing about the death of another person. Wherever assisted suicide is legalized, healthcare professionals are assumed to be the "suitably qualified persons" because they are already licensed to use drugs. It is important to be clear that health care professionals are given privileged access to the human body for the express purpose of healing and alleviating pain. Any suggestion that they should be expected to assist and, under certain circumstances, actually perform the act that ends the life of another person, is seriously damaging to the ethos and the credibility of the healthcare profession.

The **Hospice Care Movement** fosters a culture of living well until the end. By doing normal things with people who are terminally ill we can contribute to fostering their sense of being "normal" to the end.

Extract from The Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference statement

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings every week in the **Family Center**, behind St Mel's Cathedral on **Tuesday** at 1.00pm; **Wednesday** at 8.00pm; **Thursday** at 1.00pm and **Sunday** at 11.30am.

