

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00am. Tues. 9.00am. Wed. 9.00am Thurs. 2.30pm. Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil: Christine Hughes. 10.30am. George & Jennie McAvey.
Margaret & Matthew O'Hara.**

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Philomena Doyle. 10.30am. James & Kathleen Killian

Last weekend Collection: €1575. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Geraldine McVeigh	10.30am: Anne O'Brien
E.Ms. Vigil: Al Yorke	10.30am: Elizabeth Moore

Feast Days

Nov. 3rd

St Malachy

He was born in Armagh in 1094. He founded the monastery at Mellifont, the first Cistercian monastery in Ireland.

Nov. 4th

St Charles Borromeo (1538-15840)

He was Cardinal Archbishop of Milan at the age of 21. He worked for badly needed reform of the church, at that time.

Nov. 5th

St Martin de Porres (1579-1639)

He was the son of a freed woman of Panama and a Spanish grandee of Lima, Peru. He started adult life as a barber, and later became a Carmelite. He suffered a lot because he was of mixed race.

Nov. 6th.

All Saints of Ireland

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community, Alena Beth Ross, Lismoy, on Sunday. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and her family.

November Lists of the Dead: See special box in the sanctuary.

Zacchaeus

The story of **Zacchaeus** in today's gospel encourages us to keep seeking the Lord, in spite of the obstacles that will be put in our way. It also reminds us that the Lord is always seeking us, as he declares in the gospel reading "*The son of man has come to seek out and save what was lost*" and we are all lost to some degree.

Zacchaeus was far from perfect. He confessed to Jesus that he had cheated people. Yet the Lord sought him out, he sat at the table of this sinner, even though it scandalised the people of **Jerico**. Like **Zacchaeus** we are to keep seeking the Lord with all our heart.

Mass of Remembrance

The Vigil Mass on the **16th of November** will be a special November Mass of Remembrance for all from the parish that have died since this time last year. A candle will be lit in memory of each of the departed which a family member can take home after Mass.

New Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council term of office is coming to a close. The members have served over four years. We are grateful for their service to the parish. **A new council has to be put in place.** The new council should have a wide spread of ages and be representative of the whole parish. The out going council and Fr McGovern would welcome suggestions as to who you think would be suitable to serve the parish in this for the next four years.

Active Retirement

Mas on Thursday at 2.30pm. in the church. All are welcome.

Parish Calendar 2020

The parish calendar for next year is taking shape. If any business or individual would like to **sponsor a month (page)** please contact Fr McGovern.

Care Champions

"Are you affected by the cutbacks in home help services?" Care Champions is a new organization formed to highlight this problem. Call **Majella @ 089 4477018.**

Killoe / Newtownforbes Community Employment Scheme

There are vacancies at this time. If you are interested call **Tony @ 087 4126265.**

