

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

*Mon 7.00pm..Tues 9.00am.Thurs 7.00pm, Fri. 10.30am.*

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**Vigil 7.00pm:** *No special intention. 10.30am: Sadie, Sean & Anne Marie Ryan and deceased family members.*

**Thursday 7.00pm:** *Mary & Pat Costello.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil 7.00pm:** *Noel & Bridget Pigott / John & Eileen Quinn.*  
**10.30am:** *No special intention.*

**Last weekend Collection:** €1110 *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

<b>Readers – Vigil:</b> <i>Liam Madden</i>	<b>10.30 am :</b> <i>Frank Quinn</i>
<b>E.Ms. – Vigil:</b> <i>Garry Hughes</i>	<b>10.30 am:</b> <i>Sarah McCormack</i>

### Feast Days

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**

**St Nicholas (died 350)**

*Not much is known about him. He was bishop of Myra (Turkey) St Nicholas became by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus- further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.*

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup>**

**The immaculate Conception**

*Mary was Full of Grace, Free from sin. Masses for the Holyday:: Vigil Thursday 7.00pm & Friday 10.30am.*

### Baptism

*We welcomed into the Christian community, Cillian Michael Cronin, McArt Meadows on Saturday. We pray God's blessing on his family.*

## Advent --- Stay Awake

Staying awake is not easy; it is really quite hard. At night it is natural to sleep. Even Jesus's disciples did not manage to stay awake when told to stay awake. They did not keep watch. They fell asleep. But that drowsiness can overtake us. There is a dangerous kind of sleep: it is the slumber of mediocrity. It comes when we forget love and grow satisfied with indifference, concerned only with an untroubled existence. Without making an effort to love **God** daily and awaiting the newness he constantly brings we become **mediocre**, **lukewarm** and **worldly**. And this slowly eats away at our faith, for faith is the very opposite of mediocrity. **Faith** is not a tranquilizer for people under stress, it is a love story for people in love! That is why Jesus above all else detests lukewarmness. And God clearly disdained the lukewarm.

How can we rouse ourselves from the slumber of mediocrity? With the vigilance of prayer. When we pray we light a candle in the darkness. Prayer allows God to be close to us, it frees us from our solitude and gives us hope.

*“Come Lord Jesus , take our distracted hearts and make them watchful. Awaken within us the desire to pray and the need to love.*

Pope Francis

### Knock Night Vigil – Bus

Bus leaves Connolly Barracks @ 7.30pm on **December 7<sup>th</sup>**. To book a seat call **087 2487883**

### Weekly Envelopes

The weekly envelope boxes for **2024** are ready for distribution. They may be collected in the sacristy. We are very grateful to those who distribute the boxes each year.

### The Samaritans

Their free to call Confidential Line number is **116 123**. **This is a twenty four hour service.**

