

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 3RD 2019

Fr. Ciaran McGovern. Tel: 043-3346805

Website: [www.clonguishparish.ie](http://www.clonguishparish.ie) / eMail: [clonguishparish@gmail.com](mailto:clonguishparish@gmail.com)

### MASSES THIS WEEK

**Mon. 9.00am Tues. 9.00am Ash Wed. 9.00am. & 7.00pm. Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 9.00am.**

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil: John & Anna Beattie, Pauline Maguire, Peggy & Owen Dyer**  
**10.30am No Special Intention.**

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil: Lou Tormey (Months Memory) / Rose Mary Barden & parents**  
**Michael & Mae / Phyllis & John Clarke. 10.30am: Jody Concannon.**

**Last weekend Collection: €1290. Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

<b>Readers—Vigil: Confirmation Class</b>	<b>10.30am: Cathal Sorohan</b>
<b>E.Ms. Vigil: Al Yorke</b>	<b>10.30am: P J Bennett</b>

### Feast Days

**Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> St Kieran**

*St Kieran is associated with the diocese of Ossory (Co Kilkenny, mostly).*

**Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday**

*Today marks the start of another Lenten season. Ashes will be distributed after each Mass on Ash Wednesday, 9.00am and 7.00pm.*

**Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> St John of God (1495-1550)**

*Having converted when he was 40, he devoted his life to caring for the poor and sick.*

### Commitment Ceremony

*The Commitment Ceremony for the boys and girls preparing for Confirmation will take place at the vigil Mass next Saturday. Confirmation will be celebrated on **Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>** at 12.00 noon. There are 50 children for Confirmation this year.*

## Clear Vision

The gospel reading this weekend suggests that we are to be people of clear vision. Jesus asks “**Can one blind man lead another? Surely both will fall into a pit**” We need to attend to the splinter or indeed, the plank in our own eye before we can lead others anywhere. We need to be open to the likelihood that we have significant blind spots that inhibit us doing the Lord’s work. **In other words, a certain healthy self-criticism is needed if we are to relate in a life - giving way to others**

We are all aware of a tendency in ourselves at times to be over critical of others while failing to acknowledge our own failings. The business of trying to take the splinter out of someone else’s eye while failing to notice the plank in our own is more than a humorous image. Jesus tells us to be more preoccupied with the plank in our own eye than with the splinter in the eye of our neighbor.

**Fr Martin Hogan**

### Killoe Parish Mission

The Killoe **Parish Mission** starts on Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in St Mary’s Church, Ennybegs. The Mission continues until Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>. See brochure on church notice board (side door) for further details. The mission is being conducted by the **Redemptorist** team led by **Fr Denis Luddy**.

### Lourdes Pilgrimage

This year’s pilgrimage is from **May 26<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>**. The full inclusive price for the 5 nights is **€749**. There are special concessions for invalids. For further details and to book a place contact **Joe Walsh Tours, Tel. (01) 2410811**.

### Longford College of Further Education

An open day has been organized for Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am – 6.00pm in **Connolly Barracks**. QQI levels offered in business, IT, nursing healthcare, beauty and hairdressing.

### Patrician Meeting

This meeting will be held in the Family Centre, Longford on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8.30pm. Topic: ‘Sin & the healing of Confession’

### New Macra Na Feirme Launched

This launch will take place in the Stags Head, Ballinalee on Fri. March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 8.00pm with a fun table quiz.