

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**Vigil 7.00pm:** Rita & Liam Lipsett, deceased family members & Peter Watters / Edward Carroll & deceased family members.

**10.30am:** Jody Concannon / Eileen & William Wright.

**Fri. 9.00am:** Kathleen Hickey.

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil 7.00pm:** Micheal & May McGuinness & their son Pat / Annie & Bertie Allen. **10.30am:** Michael & Mai Barden their daughter Rosemary & sons Patrick & Declan / Paddy & Bridie Mahon.

**Last weekend Collection: €1238** 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. Frank Quinn

**E.Ms. – Vigil: Martin Ross** 10.30 am: Elizabeth Moore

### Feast Days

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

An early Irish saint closely associated with the diocese of **Ossory** (mostly Co Kilkenny) where he was a hermit.

**Mar 7<sup>th</sup>** **St Perpetua & St Felicity**

**Perpetua**, an upper class married woman & **Felicity** a slave girl, were martyred in **Carthage** (North Africa) in 203.

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

He devoted his life to the care of the poor and the sick. He is the patron saint of **nurses**.

## The Referendums

The following are some extracts from the Irish Episcopal Conference message

(1) *The family is acknowledged as the place where generosity, tenderness, forgiveness, stability, care, love and truth can best be taught and learned by children. We recognize, of course, that there are families which are not founded on marriage. They form part of the reality of family life, which Pope Francis described as a ‘challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems’.*

(2) *While marriage entails a public and legal commitment, the term ‘durable relationship’ is shrouded in legal uncertainty and is open to wide interpretation. Various commentators have suggested that the term ‘durable relationship’ risks leading to unforeseen consequences.*

**The Care Amendment (1)** *The proposed amendment would have the effect of abolishing all references to motherhood in the constitution. The role of mothers should continue to be cherished in our constitution. (2) We have similar concerns with the removal of the term ‘home’ from this article. (AL44).*

### Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting on **Mon.** March 4<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm in the Parochial House.

### Newtownforbes I C A

A meeting will be held in I C A centre, Connolly Barracks on Tuesday **March 5<sup>th</sup>** at 8.00pm. New members are welcome.

### Lourdes Pilgrimage

The pilgrimage is on from **May 31<sup>st</sup>** to **June 5<sup>th</sup>**. Further details from **Fr McGovern**.

### The Samaritans

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

