

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 WEEKEND

Vigil: Pat McGuinness. 10.30am: No special intention.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEK

Vigil: No special intention. 10.30am: Kathleen Stenson.

Last weekend Collection: €1055. 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: Geraldine McVeigh. 10.30 am. Fionuala Carthy.

E.Ms. - Vigil: Anne Duke. 10.30 am. Joanne Quinn.

Feast Days

April 10th

Palm Sunday

Palms will be blessed before the Masses next weekend.

Lough Derg

The Lough Derg pilgrimage season re-opens on Sunday May 1st with the one - day retreats. The three - day pilgrimage commences on Wednesday June 1st and continue through all of June July and August. Booking is essential. Ph. + 353 (0) 71 9861518.

Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage

The annual pilgrimage is going ahead this year, from May 23- May27, four nights. The total cost is €679 (Hotel Agena) or €699 (Hotel La Solitude) For further details call- 090 6481180.

Cemetery Sunday

Cemetery Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday June 25th with Mass in the cemetery at 12.00 noon.

Let the one without sin Cast the first stone

Jesus was a truly great religious leader. He had no illusions about people. He recognized their weaknesses, even their capacity for evil. But he never gave up on them. He always saw, even in the worst of sinners, the possibility of change and to turn their lives around. So, when he turned the tables on his enemies in today's gospel story and made them walk away ashamed, it was a victory not only for him but for every human being who has ever repented and tried to start again. Now we know that our God never gives up on us; God's mercy fails only when we give up on ourselves.

There is one more important thing to notice in this story. We must not draw the wrong conclusion. When Jesus tells the woman "I don't condemn you," he's is not saying "Don't worry, it's all right." He is not saying that sin doesn't matter, that adultery is no big deal. He doesn't pretend that all is well. He doesn't ignore the sin in her life. But he sees in her the possibilities that others have ignored.

When the Lord looks at us, he sees the full story of our lives. The Lord knows that our story is unfinished and will only be complete when he comes to '*transfigure our lowly bodies into copies of his glorious body.*'

Fr James Di Giacomo SJ.

Special Collection for Ukraine

The proceeds of the Special Collection taken up at the Masses last weekend realized €2,225. A cheque will be forwarded to Caritas International this week. Thank you.

Mary's Meals- Pop Up Shop

April 7th. 8th. & 9th. from 10.00am to 5.30pm @ St Paul's House Gate, Connolly Army Barracks, Church St. Longford.

