

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Matthew Thompson & brothers Fr Noel & John and sister Mary / Mary Ralph, (Month's Memory)* **10.30am:** *Elizabeth & Vincent McVeigh.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEK

Vigil: *Mary Kathleen & Tommy Doyle / Larry & Peggy McGlynn.*
10.30am: *James & Elizabeth O'Neill.*

Last weekend Collection: €725. *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: *Liam Madden.* **10.30 am.** *Fionuala Carthy*

E.Ms. – Vigil, *Al Yorke* **10.30 am.** *Michelle Ghee*

Feast Days

July 4th

St Elizabeth of Portugal (1271-1336)

Elizabeth had an unhappy marriage to the king of Portugal. As a widow -she persevered in prayer and good works as a Franciscan tertiary.

July 6th

St Maria Goretti (1890-1902)

She was stabbed to death in defence of her virtue at the age of twelve.

Wedding Bells

*Congratulations and best wishes to **Barbara Donlon**, Knockmartin and **Paul McGee**, Edenmore, Dromard who were married in St Mary's Church, Newtownforbes on Saturday. We wish the newly weds every blessing in the times ahead.*

The Harvest is Rich

Jesus' words about a great harvest and the need for many labourers are often interpreted as referring to the need to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Though priests and religious are among the labourers that are needed in the Lord's harvest, these words have a much broader referenve. The Lord needs all kind of labourers in his harvest. We are all called to be labourers in the Lord's harvest by virtue of our baptism.

Jesus is saying that there is enormous scope to bring the gospel of God's kingdom to people; the task is enormous and the need is great. **All the folowers of Jesus are needed for this work. It is not the prerogative of a select few.** There has been a decline in the number of people going on for priesthood and religious life. It is not clear that this trend will be reversed anytime soon, at least in the western world. In the mean time, the harvest remains great and many, many labourers are needed. The whole Church has a role to play in bringing the Gospel to others. Different people will do this in different ways, depending on their gifts and on the circumstances of their daily lives. Jesus wants to work through us all; he has a role for each one of us in his great work.

Fr Martin Hogan

Cemetery Sunday

The collection for the upkeep of the cemetery came to €1537. Thanks to all those who helped in any way with the celebration of Cemetery Sunday ; especially those who took up the collection, and set up the canopy. Despite the weather everything worked out well.

Fardromin School Reunion

Reunion, July 30th & 31st. Reunion Mass in **Ballinamuck** church at 5.00pm (Saturday). Book launch and refreshments at 6.00pm in 98 Hall. To book Sunday dinner call Elizabeth at **087 1855214**.

Killoe / Newtownforbes Community Employment Scheme

Vacancies exist at this time. Call 087 7568525

