

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm Tues 9am. Thurs 9.00am Fri 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm: Jimmy, Brigid, Josephine, Willie, Liam, Gerry & Paddy Casey / Kevin Trappe. **10.30am** : No special intention.

Thur: 9.00am: Joe Nannery.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil, 7.00pm: No special intention. **10.30am:** No special intention.

Last weekend Collection: €955. *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:** Anne O'Brien

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

Feast Days

Sept 8th

Birth of Mary

The church has celebrated the birth of Mary since at least the sixth century. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. The September 8th date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th (nine months later).

Sept. 9th

St Ciaran

Born in 512 he came to Clonmacnois in 545 where he founded a monastery which was to become one of the most renown in Europe. He died at the age of 33 while the monastery was being built.

Take up your Cross

By telling us to '*take up*' our cross in today's gospel, Jesus isn't saying that we have to meekly endure unfair treatment and suffering or embrace a blind, '*offer it up*' sort of mentality. And, while they may be opportunities for grace, illness, sad events and even disasters aren't '*the cross*'

There is nothing particularly Christian about many of the challenges we face in daily life. We can never silently or blindly accept abuse or injustice as being the will of God. Jesus rejected these and so should we.

Instead, '*the cross*' that we are to carry is the sacrifices, trials, and hardships that can be a consequence of placing our faith and hope in Him and of living according to His teaching. If we follow Him and try to live as He invites us to live, we will surely meet up with difficulties: these are the '*crosses*', we have to carry.

Silas Henderson

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Colette McNally**, Castle Gardens and **Mark Canty**, Longford, who were married in St Mary's church, **Newtownforbes** on Friday. We wish the newly weds every blessing in the times ahead.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The pilgrimage is on today (Sunday). Ceremonies start at 2.00pm

Clonmacnois Pattern Day

The pilgrimage to Clonmacnois is on Sunday **September 17th**, a week later than usual.

C A S A Volunteers

Longford CASA (Caring and sharing Association) is seeking volunteers to assist at their monthly socials. CASA provides social outlets for adults with physical / intellectual disabilities. Call **Bernie @ 086 1296305**.

Samaritans

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

