

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues: 9.00am. Wed 9.00am. Thurs. 7.00pm. Fri.:9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Deceased members of Hannify family. **10.30am:** Mel Tighe.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Philomena McEveney – Douglas & deceased family members/
Lou Tormey

10.30am: Anne Cox (Month's memory)

Rest in Peace: Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Jack Geraghty**, formerly of Kilmore Lower. Funeral on **Monday** at **12.00 noon**. R I P.

Last weekend Collection: €.1050. *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:** Frank Quinn.

E.Ms. - Vigil: Geraldine Halpin **10.30am:** Elizabeth Moore.

Feast Days

Feb 2nd

The Presentation of the Lord

Simeon recognizes Christ as "a Light to reveal God to the nations".

Candles will be blessed before 9.00am Mass.

Feb: 3rd

St Blaise (martyr)

He is venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat.

Blessing of throats will take place after 7.00pm Mass

First Friday: Friday next is the **First Friday**. The usual house calls will be done at the usual times.

St Brigid

Tuesday, the 1st of February is **St Brigid's Day** and is generally believed to be the first day of spring. St Brigid is also known as **Muire na nGael**, Our Lady of the Irish, and along with **St Patrick** and **St Colmcille** she is one of the patron saints of Ireland.

Brigid was born near **Dundalk** around **450**. At an early age Brigid wished to join a convent, but her father who was a pagan wanted her to marry a wealthy man he had promised her to. The story goes that she asked God to take away her beauty so that the man wouldn't want to marry her. Her wish was granted, her father gave in and she joined the convent. It is said that she received her spiritual formation from **St Mel** and that she spent some time in **Ardagh**. She called on God's help again to convince her father to give her land in **Co Kildare** to set up a convent. Her father said that he would give as much land as her cloak could cover. Legend has it that the cloak grew to cover acres of land.

Brigid was by the bed of a dying chieftain, **possibly her father**, soothing him with stories about her faith and her unwavering trust in **God**. She began telling the story of **Christ** on the cross, picking up rushes from the floor to make a cross. Before his death the chieftain asked to be baptized. Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. Our government has indicated that it intends to make February 1st, St Brigid's Day an annual bank holiday from **2023**.

For further reading see **St Brigid**, the book by **Una O'Hagan** and the recently deceased, **Colm Keane**.

St Loman's Remembrance Mass

The annual Mass of remembrance will be celebrated on Sunday **Feb. 6th** @ 10.30am in **St Paul's Church**, Delvin Rd. **Mullingar** in memory of deceased patients and staff and people buried in **St Loman's hospital** cemetery from **1907-1970**.

