

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

**Mon:** 7.00pm **Tues:** 10.30am **Wed:** 9.00am **Thurs:** 9.00am **Fri:** 7.00am.

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil:** Thomas Corcoran. / Christine Hughes. **10.30am.** *Special intention*

**Fri.:** 7.00pm. Vincent Holohan

## ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** Paddy Joe, Anne and Gerard Murphy / John Curley.

**10.30am.** Kathleen Killian / George McAvey.

*Last weekend Collection's €1,373. Thank you.*

## Next Weekend

**Readers—Vigil:** Eugene O'Brien **10.30am.** Patricia O'Brien

**E.Ms. Vigil:** James Quinn **10.30am.** Joann Quinn

## **Feast Day**

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup>** All Saints

**Masses for All Saints:** Monday Vigil at 7pm. **Tues:** 10.30am.

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>** Commemoration of all the faithful departed.

## **List of the Dead**

*You may make out your list of the dead. They will be remembered in prayer during the month of November.*

## **Baptism**

*We welcome into the Christian family Brughu Patrick Finucane Dublin/Newtownforbes on Sunday last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptised and his family.*

## **First Friday**

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

## **Zacchaeus 'was a greedy little man'**

The figure of Zacchaeus in today's gospel reading is an example of someone who took the initiative to seize an opportunity when it came his way. Here was a person whose public profile was very negative. Because of his occupation as a tax collector, people identified him as a 'sinner'. He was presumed to be a cheat, who had acquired his wealth by exploiting his own people. As a 'sinner' it was believed that he did not have any relationship with God but, rather, was outside the scope of God's concern. Yet, in labelling him a 'sinner'; people had gravely misjudged and underestimated him. Yes, he was far from, perfect, but there, was within him what St Paul calls, in today's second reading, 'desires for goodness'. He was not content with the place where he found himself. There was a restlessness in him a for something more.

The view that most people had of Zacchaeus did not do him justice, whereas Jesus' vision of him was much more generous and truer to the reality of his life. The Lord's vision of us is always more generous than the view that we tend to have of ourselves and of others. The first reading today puts it well: *You love all that exists; you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence.* **Jesus Our Saviour--Martin Hogan.**

## **Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tues. at 8pm.

## **Clonguish GAA—Mental Health Programme**

"Sport your Mind" is a HSE Health Promotion and improvement initiative for community active sports organisations which raises awareness of Youth Mental Health. There are two sessions. **Part 1 "Youth Mental Health,** Information evening for coaches and parents. Ralph Room, Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30—8.30pm. **Part 2. Safetalk: Suicide Alertness Training** for coaches and parents, Ralph Room, Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup> 7.00—10.30pm. Further Info. 086 8129587.

## **St Joseph's Care Centre, Longford—Mass for Holy Souls**

Mass will be celebrated at 6.00pm. on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November in St Joseph's Chapel for the souls of all who died in St Joseph's in the past year, and all whose removal took place from St Joseph's.

**Calendar Sponsors:** Last call. There is room for 3 more.