

**CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
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**MASSES THIS WEEK**

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

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND**

**Vigil 7.00pm:** Eileen & John Quinn. **10.30am:** No special intention.

**Mon 7.00pm:** Brigid & John Byrne & deceased family members.

**Thurs 9.00am:** Frank & Lizzie Airlie.

**ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND**

**Vigil 7.00pm:** Deceased members of the Miminagh Family

**10.30am :** Sean, Sadie & Anne Marie Ryan.

**Last weekend Collection: €1375** 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 7.00pm:* Anne McCann      *10.30am:* Anne O'Brien

*E.Ms. – Vigil:* Carmel O'Shes      *10.30 am:* Bernie Reilly

**Feast Days**

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**St Francis Xavier (1506-1552)**

*One of the first Jesuits, he was sent to India and he converted many in Goa and later in Japan. He died as he attempted to enter China.*

**Dec 6<sup>th</sup>**

**St Nicholas**

*St Nicholas is a first century Bishop of Myra in modern day Turkey. He is the patron saint of Russia and the original Santa Claus*

**Baptism**

*We welcomed into the Christian community, Saoirse Mae Moore, Clonteagh on Saturday last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and on her parents.*

**The Envelope Boxes**

*The boxes for 2026 are ready for distribution. We are very grateful to those who distribute the boxes each yAdvent*

## Advent

Today we begin the short season of **Advent**. We light the first candle on our **Advent wreath**. As the days continue to grow darker, the growing light of our **Advent wreath** over the next three Sundays proclaims that as a faith community we are drawing nearer to the celebration of that great feast of God's light, the feast of **Christmas**.

By the time we get to **Christmas** day, the days will begun to get imperceptibly longer and our celebration of **Christs** birth will coincide with the reemergence of light within nature. In that sense, the lighting of our first **Advent** candle is full of promise, as we look ahead in hope to the coming of **God's** light in **Christ** and in nature.

In today's Gospel, **Jesus** says we are "*to stay awake*" Being awake to what **God** wants will often mean leaving behind ways and patterns that are not part of God's future. **Paul** mentions drunken orgies, promiscuity, wrangling and jealousy. We can make our own list, probably a much less spectacular or colourful one than Paul's.

Advent calls on us to be alert to everything within us and among us that can have no place in God's future.

Martin Hogan

### Mission Appeal

This weekend a member of the **Comboni missionary order** will speak at both Masses about the missionary work of the Order throughout the world and especially in **Africa**.. You will be invited to make a contribution to help the Order in their missionary work.. Envelopes will be provided.

### Samaritans

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

### Alcoholics Anonymous

St Mel's Family Centre Meeting times – **Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 1pm; Wednesday and Saturday at 8pm; Sunday @ 11.30am.**

