

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00pm Tues. 10.30am. Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Mary Bryson (months memory) 10.30am: Jenny McAvey (months memory) Tues. (New Year's Day).10.30am Paddy & Bridie Flanagan & son Declan.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Helen and Michael Quinn. 10.30am. Tony O'Loughlin.

Last weekend Collection: €1270.Christmas €3,140. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Eugene O'Brien	10.30am: Patricia Keenan
E.Ms. Vigil: Geraldine Halpin	10.30am: Elizabeth Moore

Feast Days

Jan. 1st Mary Mother of God

Mass for the feast day and New Year's Day will be at 10.30am.

Jan. 3rd The Holy name of Jesus

Jan.6th Feast of the Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated next Sunday.

St Paul's Sunday Missal

Mass readers are asked to call to the sacristy to collect their St Paul's Sunday Missal which contains the readings for 2019.

First Friday

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

Christmas Thanks

Thanks to all the groups and individuals who helped with the celebration of Christmas.

When Jesus was Small

In primary school we used to sing a song about Jesus' childhood. The chorus went something like this:

Jesus was a happy child
When he was small like me
He used to laugh and run around
And sometimes climb a tree
Running here, running there
Having fun like you and me.

The aim was clearly to remind us that Jesus was a real child who did all the things that other children do. These verses impressed on our young minds the **humanity** of Jesus, even as we heard the stories of the healings and the miracles that expressed his **divinity**

The story of the finding in the temple is the only one we have from Jesus' childhood. It is both an ordinary and extraordinary family story.

But the story ends with the realization that Jesus is far from ordinary. His parents don't understand his cryptic reference to '**My father's affairs**', but Mary stores up all these things in her heart, accepting the mysterious workings of God. We are left, with Mary and Joseph to ponder who this child really is.

Triona Doherty - Intercom magazine.

Shane Brennan 5K Race/walk

This year's event was a big success with a huge turnout of walkers and runners. **Thanks** to all who helped on the day. This year we had a local winner, **Barry Shields**, Longford AC, in a time of **16.09**. Second man was **Colin Griffin**, Ballinamore AC (London Olympian 2012 in 50km walk). The winner of the women's race was **Catherina McKiernan**, Ireland's greatest woman long distant runner. She is a former winner of the **London, Amsterdam, & Berlin** marathons, four-time winner of the silver medal at the **World Cross Country** Cships, winner of the **European cross country** C.ships and has a marathon best time of **2h 22min. 23 seconds**. Her winning time on Wednesday was **17.33**. The amount of money raised will be published later.

Parish Calendar – 2019

The parish calendar for 2019 is now on sale in the local shops and in the sacristy. **Price is €3.**

Happy New Year

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