

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm : *Rose Mullaney*. 10.30am: *Sammy Denniston*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Peter Watters* 10.30am: *Patrick McCann (Month's memory)*

Last weekend Collection: €835. 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: *Clodagh McCann* 10.30 am. *Laura Hussey*

E.Ms. – Vigiiil: *Martin Ross* 10.30 am. *Elizabeth Moore*

Feast Days

May 1st

St Joseph

In response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by communists, Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of St Joseph the Worker on May 1st in 1955.

May 3rd

SS Philip & James (Apostles)

Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galile. Nothing much is known of James the son of Alphaeus other than he was called by Jesus to be one of his twelve apostles.

First Friday

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

Good Shepherd Sunday

Sheep are mentioned more than two hundred times in the bible, more than any other animal. Sheep were important as a source of wool, meat and milk, and throughout the bible, sheep served as a symbol for God's people. Jesus is portrayed by the prophets as the shepherd of his chosen flock, and most famously in the 23rd psalm, which begins with the words "*The Lord is my shephard*". In the Middle East it was the task of the good shepherd to find water, pasture and ensure safety for his flock.

The ministry of the church is how Christs' work is continued in our time. Jesus has inspired people in every generation to carry on the work of caring for his flock. Today pray on this **Vocations Sunday**, that men and women of all age will answer the call to full time ministry in the church in the priesthood and religious life.

Trocaire Collection

The Trocaire collection has passed **€5,000**. The closing date to contribute is **May 1st**. You can always send a donation to Trocaire, Maynooth, Co Kildare, at any time.

Scoil Mhuire Extension

Minister for education, **Ms Norma Foley TD** will officially open the new extension at **Scoil Mhuire** on Thurs. **May 4th**.

New Bishop Ordination

The date has been set for the episcopal ordination of **Fr Paul Connell** as bishop of Ardagh Clonmacnois. The ceremony will take place in **St Mel's Cathedral** on Sunday **June 18th**.

Mary's Meals

Family fun day in aid of **Mary's Meals** will be held on Monday **May 1st** in the **Army Barracks, Longford** from 1.30pm to 7.00pm. Live music and stalls etc.

Samaritans

Their free to call, **24 hour Confidential Line is 116 123.**

