

## 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: *No special intention* 10.30am: *Liam Quinn.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *No special intention.* 10.30am: *Anthony McGowan.*

Last weekend Collection: €920 *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: *Clodagh McCann* 10.30am: *Fionuala Carthy*

E.Ms : Vigil: *Al Yorke* 10.30am: *Michelle Ghee*

### Feast Days

June 1<sup>st</sup> St Justin (Second century)

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Charles Lwanga & Companions

*Charles Lwanga who was martyred (burned to death) in 1886 is one of the Ugandan martyrs. Pope Paul VI canonised 22 Ugandan martyrs in 1964.*

June 5<sup>th</sup> St Boniface (672-754)

### All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock

*This all day celebration starts at 9.20am on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the 41<sup>st</sup> edition of the Rosary Rally. Bus booking - Ursula 087 901 6062.*

### First Friday

*Friday next is the First Friday. The usual house calls will be done at the usual times. Fr McGovern is happy to take Holy Communion to anyone in the parish who is housebound. Please let him know.*

## The Mystery of God

There is a story told about St Augustine; as he was walking along a beach a boy was digging a hole in the sand, and when he had dug deep he grabbed his bucket and ran to the waters edge. He put some water into the bucket and rushed back, pouring the water into the hole, and then took off again. Augustine eventually asked the boy what he was doing: as he took off once more for the water's edge, the boy said he was going to empty the water of the ocean into the hole he dug.

Augustine was amused at the boys innocence but later found that the incident gave him an insight into what he himself was trying to do in his writings. It became a kind of parable for him about what was happening when he tried to grasp the mystery of God with his human intelligence and express it in human words. He realised that he had as little chance of doing this as the little boy had of emptying the water of the vast ocean into the hole in the sand.

Augustine indeed had profound insights into the mystery of God, but also an acute awareness of the limits of human intelligence in the face of the mystery of God. He believed that, while God revealed himself in Christ and is with us as a human person, God is always beyond us, transcendent, infinite, eternal; the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of everything, the One in whom we live and move and have our being.

Jim O'Connell MHM

### Tax Relief Scheme

Tax relief forms have gone out to those who have contributed €250 or more to the parish in the past year. Please sign the form with PPS number and return it to the Parochial House.

### Cemetery Sunday

Cemetery Sunday is on Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be celebrated at 12.00 noon.

