

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues. 9.00am Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *No special intention. 10.30am: Deceased members of the Moore and Gray families.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Jimmy, Brigid, Josephine, Willie, Liam and Gerry Casey / Pat Walker.*

10.30am. *No special intention.*

Last weekend Collection: €860.00. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil:	10.30am:
E.Ms. Vigil:	10.30am:

Feast Days

Aug. 31st

St Aiden of Lindisfarne

Of Irish descent, St Aiden was a monk who spent some time on the island of Iona. He died in 651 in Lindisfarne (Northumberland, England).

Sept. 1st

World day of prayer for the Care of Creation.

Sept. 3rd

St Gregory the Great (540-604)

He served as Pope; he called himself 'Servant of the servants of Christ.'

Sept. 5th

St Teresa of Calcutta

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to Ciara Lee, Lisnabo and Conor Barrins, Lisduff, Longford who were married in St Mary's Church, Newtownforbes, on Saturday last. We wish the newly weds every blessing in the times ahead.

Facing the Truth

In today's gospel we can all sympathise with the struggle in Peter to face up to a very painful reality that Jesus is going to have to suffer and die. We all have a tendency to protect ourselves and those we care about from bad news. We hold back from speaking a truth we know is going to be difficult for someone to hear. We ourselves have a way of not hearing what is painful to hear.

Reality can be hard to face. Jesus' reply to Peter in today's gospel reading—**'the way you think is not God's way but man's'**—suggests that God's way is the way that faces up to reality, and that God is always to be found in the truth, however painful that truth may be.

Jesus goes on to say '**Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.**' A way of putting that in more contemporary terms is that we find happiness, not by looking for happiness directly, but by reaching towards something more fundamental than happiness, namely, the kind of generous service of God and neighbor that Jesus demonstrated by his way of life. That's where our happiness is found. **Fr Martin Hogan**

Schools Reopen

Children and teachers go back to school this week after a long absence. We pray it may be a smooth transition, and we pray for the safety of pupils and teachers and the whole school community in this difficult situation.

First Friday

The First Friday visits to the homes of the house bound will resume in September (September 4th). Should anyone feel uncomfortable with this arrangement in the present circumstances, please inform Fr. McGovern.

Thanks

Thanks to all the parishoners who have been returning their weekly, **Harvest dues** and **Pentecost dues** envelopes over the last number of weeks.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings take place every **Tues.** and **Thurs.** at 1.00pm and each **Sunday** at **11.30am.** in the **Family Centre, St Mel's Road,** Longford. Anyone who feels the need to attend is most welcome.

