

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: 10.30pm:

**Last weekend Collection:** € Thank you.

### Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Teresa Murphy**, Treel whose funeral was on Wednesday last. May she **Rest in Peace**.*

### On Line contributions

**IBAN: IE34 AIBK 9321 4026 9364 22 (BIC: AIBKIE2D)**

*A number of people have inquired about contributing to the weekly envelope and the dues collections on line. To do so you need the above details. The **Parish of Clonguish A/C** is with the **A I B bank, Longford**.*

### Next Weekend

Readers – Vigil:	10.30 am
E.Ms. - Vigil:	10.30 am

### Feast Days

**Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**St Brigid (454-524)**

*The name Brigid means ‘the exalted one’. She is known as ‘Mary of the Gael’*

**Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**The Presentation of the Lord**

*On this day an elderly couple, **Anna** and **Simeon** make a prophecy as they see the forty- day old **Child Jesus** presented in the temple. They call him a ‘light to enlighten all peoples’.*

## The Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis has declared a special jubilee year in honour of St Joseph that began on **December 8<sup>th</sup>** and will end on the same day **2021**. It marks the **150<sup>th</sup>** anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as the **patron of the Universal Church** by pope **Pius 1X** in 1871. This was a difficult time for the Church. The Italian government confiscated much of the Church’s property and made the pope effectively a prisoner of the Vatican.

Pope Francis is well known for his devotion to St Joseph. He said the Coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on **St Joseph** since so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St Joseph quietly protected and cared for **Mary** and **Jesus**. **“Each one of us can discover in Joseph- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily discreet and hidden presence-an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble”** he said.

He said he also wanted to highlight **St Joseph’s** role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, **“Our world today needs fathers.”**

From: **Reality** magazine

### Blessing of Candles

Candles will be blessed as usual on **Candlemas Day, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, the feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**. Please leave your candles to be blessed on the table in front of the altar.

### Covid 19 Support Line

**ALONE** is the name of a support line for older people who have concerns relating to the virus **Covid 19**. Professional staff are available to answer queries, and give advice and reassurance when necessary. This service is open 7 days a week, 8.00am to 8.00pm. Phone 0818222024.