

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 10.30am & 7.00pm. **Tues.** 9.00am. **Thurs.** 9.00am. **Fri.:** 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *No special intention.* **10.30am:** Roger Ward (months memory).

Mon.: 7.00pm: Michael, Jack & Billy Byrne & (D F M)

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Deceased members of the *Curley family / Margaret & Patrick Joseph Quinn & son Joe.* **10.30am:** P J Bennett / James & Kathleen Killian, Lena & Teresa Nolan.

Last weekend Collection: €950.00. *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: Anne Marie Williams **10.30 am:** Frank Quinn.

E.Ms. - Vigil: Anne Duke. **10.30am:** Liam Belton.

Feast Days

Nov. 1st **All Saints (Mass: 10.30am & 7.00pm)**

Nov. 2nd **All Souls**

The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times. Since few people achieve perfection in this life, but rather go to the grave still scared with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification may be necessary before a soul comes face to face with God. This is why we have the Church's teaching on Purgatory. You may place your List of the Dead in the box in the sanctuary.

First Friday

Friday next is the first Friday of November. The usual house calls will be done at the usual times.

Love God and Neighbour

In today's Gospel, **Jesus** is asked what he believes is the greatest of all the commandments. **Jesus** replies by quoting from a prayer called the Shema that every faithful Jew recites daily. It said "**Hear, O Isreal, the Eternal is our God, the Eternal is one, and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being and all your might**" To this **Jesus** adds the words "**You shall love your neighbor as yourself**".

St John describes God in three words "**God is Love**". St Paul reminds us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

The very last lines of the musical **Les Miserables**, poignant and apt for our scripture reading today: As **Jean Valijeau** is crossing from death to new life, he utters: "**To love another person is to see the face of God**"

St Augustine when blessing himself did so in the name of the **Lover the Beloved** and the **Love**. **Bishop Fintan Monaghan** (Killaloe).

Trocaire East African Hunger Crises

All Catholic parishes in Ireland will take up an emergency collection for the suffering people of East Africa (Sudan, Ethiopia, and Somalia. **More next week.**

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community, **Willow Bryanny Sainsbury**, Briskil and Longford, on Saturday. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and on her parents.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Jillian Heslin**, Castltown Finea and **Declan Bohan**, Aughaduignan, Longford, who were married in **St Mary's Church, Newtownforbes**, on Sunday. We wish the newly weds every blessing in the times ahead.

God's House Keepers

Now that the church is back to full capacity for Masses it is time to revive our cleaning teams. **Volunteers are needed** to fill out some of the teams. Names please to **Mary Devlin** at 0872756461.

Look Good- Feel Better Ireland

It is offering a day of treatments and tranquility for anyone going through or recovering from **cancer** treatment. Booking: **083 4654641**.