

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 10.30am Tues. 9.00am. Wed. 9.00am. Thurs. 9.00am.

Epiphany: Vigil; Fri. 7.00pm. Saturday 10.30am

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

*Sun. 10.30am: **Funeral:** Bridie Flanagan (R I P)*

Fri. 7.00pm: Declan Flanagan. Sat. 10.30am. Helen & Michael Quinn & deceased family members.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: No special intentions. 10.30am: Mina Carthy / Tony O'Loughlin.

Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Bridie Flanagan**, Newtownforbes whose funeral Mass is today (Sunday). May she **Rest in Peace**.*

Last weekend Collection: €4,547 (including Sunday) Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: *Margaret Kilbane* **10.30am:** *Fionuala Carthy*

E.Ms. Vigil: *Al Yorke* **10.30am:** *Joanne Quinn*

Feast Days

Jan. 1st **Mary Mother of God**

*Today is **World Day of Prayer for Peace**. Mass will be at 10.30am. on New Year's Day. Also, Mass will be celebrated in **St. Mel's Cathedral** at 12.00 noon.*

Jan. 2nd **St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory**

Both are fourth century saints who lived in Turkey.

Jan. 3rd **The Holy Name of Jesus**

First Friday

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

Feast of the Holy Family

In the sanctuary we have a copy of the **Holy Family Icon** which will be the centerpiece of the celebrations of **The World Meeting of Families** in Dublin in August 2018.

The icon is in the form technically known as a triptych. It has a larger panel with two smaller panels either side, on hinges.

The **central panel** depicts the **Holy Family** seated at the table celebrating the **Passover Meal**. On the table are the foods associated with the Passover Meal, the bitter herbs and unleavened bread. One side of the table is open suggesting openness to the outsider and that we are invited to take our place with the holy ones.

The **panel on the left** represents the gospel story of the **Raising of Jairus' daughter**: reminding us that pain and suffering are part of family life.

The **panel on the right** represents the story of **The Wedding Feast of Cana**. The Lord's miracle brought joy to the beginning of a new family.

Eucharistic Minister's Rota

The new rota for the Eucharistic Ministers is available for collection in the sacristy.

St Paul's Sunday Missal

Mass readers should call to the sacristy to collect their **St Paul's Sunday Missal** for 2018.

Recent Church Gate Collections

The Samaritans wish to thank all who supported their recent church gate collection which amounted to **€405**. Also, the **Londford Social Services** say thanks for their collection which came to **€604**.

Shane Brennan 5K

The **Shane Brennan 5K Race and Walk** were held as usual on St Stephen's Day in perfect weather conditions. There was a very large turn-out. The proceeds this year go to **Multiple Sclerosis**, Longford branch. The total profits will be announced at a later date. Thanks to all who showed up to support this worthy cause.

Clonguish Parish Calendar

The calendar for 2018 is now available in the local shops, and in the sacristy. It only costs **€3**.

Happy New Year