

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

*Mon 7.00pm. Tues 9.00am. Fri 9.00am.*

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

*Vigil: No special intention. 10.30am: No special intention..*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

*Vigil 7.00pm: Pat McCann & deceased family members / John & Brigid Campbell, Pat & Kathleen Reilly & deceased family members.*

*10.30am: Mary Duke..*

### Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Ita Reilly** Newtownforbes, whose funeral was on Thursday.*

*May she **Rest in Peace***

**Last weekend Collection: €1505** *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: Laura Hussey**

**E.Ms. – Vigil: Carmel O’Shea**                      **10.30 am: Bernie Reilly**

### Feast Days

*The celebration of Easter is prolonged throughout the Easter season. The fifty days from **Easter Sunday** to **Pentecost Sunday** are celebrated as one feast day, the ‘**Great Sunday**’*

### Pascal Candle

*The Pascal Candle should be sufficiently large in size so as to evoke the truth that **Christ is the Light of the World**. The Pascal Candle should be lit at each Mass until Pentecost Sunday.*

## Easter

The Welsh philosopher **Bertrand Russel** (1872-1970) often argued against the possibility of the resurrection and declared that he had built his life upon ‘*the solid foundations of despair.*’ There are many today who faced with the turmoil and suffering of the world of **2024** who are tempted to a similar sense of dark helplessness.

There always has been those from the earliest days who like Russel think that the **Easter story** is a myth or fable, that the Christian faith is based on a delusion, an impossibility. And yet for two thousand years countless millions of people have trusted in the hope filled promise of Easter. For those who had been afraid on **Calvary**, who lost hope, who were in despair were suddenly revitalized and filled with a new courage.

Easter is our opportunity to renew our hopes, to rededicate our lives and to understand with new, astonished eyes as **Mary Magdalen** did as the first witness of the resurrection, the power of the one in whom we believe. **God** keeps his promises and those who believe in him, who hope and trust in him will not be disappointed.

At Easter we roll the stone away from the tomb and bring **Jesus** to those who most need him.

May the joy of Easter touch our hearts and refresh our faith.

**Paul Clayton-Lea**

### First Friday

Friday is the **First Friday**. Usual house calls will be done at usual times.

### Newtownforbes I C A

The next meeting of the Newtownforbes I C A is on Tuesday **April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8.00pm** in I C A headquarters. New members are always welcome.

### The Samaritans

Their free to call Confidential Line number is **116 123**. This is a twenty four hour service.

**Happy Easter**

