

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Nora O'Reilly (Months mind)*

10.30am.: *Deceased members of the Burke family / Cormac Robinson.*

Tues. 9.00am: *Jim Ross and deceased members of the Ross family.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Alice and Jimmy Quinn / Bridie Mahon and her husband Paddy.*

10.30am: *No special intention.*

Last weekend Collection: €645 Thank you.

Next Weekend

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

Feast Days

Oct.: 6th *Today is the anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Most Rev. Francis Duffy, 2013.*

Oct.7th **Our Lady of the Rosary.**

October is traditionally regarded as the month of the rosary.

Oct.: 9th **St John Henry Newman**

This is the anniversary of his reception into the Catholic Church in 1845. He was canonized a saint last year.

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community Maizy Indya Kelly, Newtownforbes and Dublin on Sunday last. We pray God's blessing of the newly baptized and her parents.

Thanks

Thanks to all the parishioners who have been returning their weekly, and Harvest dues envelopes over the last number of weeks. Every little helps.

Creation

Today is the feast of St Francis of Assisi, and it also marks the end of the **Season of Creation**, a time to remember that we are protectors of this earth and have been given responsibility to care for it.

St Francis experienced all of God's creation as family: **'Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water'**. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who saw how intimately connected everything in this world is. The **COVID 19** crisis has reminded us all of this deep interconnection; what happens in one part of the world affects us all as we share one common humanity and live together in a common home.

During the days of lockdown many of us became aware of the simple things like birdsong, trees, flowers, and the earth. **Pope Francis** says that this deeper awareness, **'takes us to the heart of what it is to be human'** and gives us an opportunity to regain a sense of awe and wonder for creation. **'Just as happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever St Francis would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he would burst into song.'**

(Laudato Si, 11)

The roots of the environmental crisis are deeply spiritual. As we bring the **Season of Creation** to a close, let it be a springboard into contemplation and action where our relationship with God's creation is concerned. This is an urgent call. And one which faith communities have a responsibility to respond to. **Jane Mellett- Intercom magazine.**

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday October 17th**. There will be two celebrations, one at **12.00noon** and one at **2.00pm**. so as to safely accommodate all 43 children.

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.

GROW

GROW is a community **Mental Health Movement** which meets every **Monday at 11.00am** in the **Community Mental Health Centre**, Dublin Road, Longford. If you are lonely isolated or suffering from stress you are welcome here. **Phone Assumpta 086 8114135.**