

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 7.00pm **Tues** 9.00am **Wed.** 7.00pm **Thurs.** 10.30am **Fri.** 9.00am

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil: Deceased members of the Mimmagh family. **10.30am:** Sean Ryan, Sadie & Anne Marie. **Mon.** 7.00pm: Mary Conlon (Month's mind)

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Noel & Bridget Pigott. **10.30am:** No special intention.

Last weekend Collection: €780 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: Geraldine McVeigh **10.30 am.** Laura Hussey

E.Ms. – Vigil: Cathy Murphy **10.30 am.** Michelle Feeney

Feast Days

Dec. 6th

St Nicholas

Nicholas was a fourth century bishop of Myra (Tiurkey). He is the patron saint of children and the original Santa Claus.

Dec. 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses for the Holy Day : *Vigil on Wednesday at 7.00pm and Thursday at 10.30am.*

Baptisms

We welcomed into the Christian family Emily Marie Murray-Gillen, Tully, on Saturday and Thomas Michael Prunty, Braenrisk, on Sunday. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and their families.

John the Baptist

This weekend the second candle on the Advent wreath has been lit. The countdown to Christmas has begun in earnest. The gospel reading for this Sunday presents us with someone who seems a little out of place in the run up to Christmas. His way of addressing respectable people as “*Brood of vipers*” strikes a rather jarring note in this season of good will. By any standards it is not what would be termed today ‘**politically correct**’ language. His basic message is ‘*repent*’ He warns those who will not heed this message that they are like trees that fail to bear fruit, and therefore, are just about to be cut down.

If there are times when we need to hear the somewhat unsettling message of **John the Baptist**, there are other times in our lives when we have greater need of the hopeful message of **Isaiah**. If the only vision we had of ourselves was that of a tree that was fit for cutting down, we wouldn't get out of bed in the morning. We also need to be aware of those shoots of new life that are also there within us. The **Holy Spirit** has been poured into our hearts at **Baptism** and **Confirmation**. That **Spirit** of the **Lord** continues to rest on us in the words of the first reading. That is why we should never give up on ourselves or others. People who did not give up were always helped by the **Lord**. The Spirit is always at work in our lives nurturing those shoots of new life.

Alone

Alone, which provides services to **Older People**, is looking for volunteers. Alone recruits trains and supports volunteers for two services (1) **Visiting and befriending** service (2) **Telephone support and befriending** service. Contact: 086 1085965.

Adoration

Each Wednesday evenings for **1 hour**, from **7.00pm** to **8.00pm**

