

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Bridie Flanagan. 10.30am: John Gregg / Jim Conlon.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Margaret Larkin (Month's memory)

10.00am: Paddy & Bridie McGowan & Fr. Padraig McGowan / Arthur McKiernan.

Last weekend Collection: €1450 .00. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Eugene O'Brien	10.30am: Confirmation class
E.Ms. Vigil: Anne Duke	10.30am: P J Bennett

Feast Days

Feb. 5th St Agatha (Martyr, died 251)

The Year after her death, the stilling of an eruption of Mt Etna was attributed to her intercession, legend has it. As a result, people continued to ask her prayers for protection against fire.

Feb. 6th St Paul Miki & Companions (Martyred 1597)

Feb. 7th St Mel

Today is the feast day of the patron of our diocese. He died in 488.

Commitment Ceremony

*The boys & girls celebrating their **Confirmation** this year will have their Commitment Ceremony at the **10.30am Mass** next Sunday.*

Do This in Memory

*The next **Do This in Memory** Mass will be celebrated at the vigil Mass next weekend.*

Holy Face Novena: See church notice boards for details.

Jesus the Healer

In today's gospel we read about Jesus' first healing in St Mark's gospel. Jesus hears of the illness of the mother of Simon's wife and goes to her. Due to the laws of the time this scene would have been seen to be controversial. His first healing is of a woman and we are told that he touches her, raises her up; he completely restores her to health. Many of his actions here would have been considered taboo at the time.

The whole city crowded around the door as the people wanted also to be healed. What a commotion! **Jesus**, very early on in his ministry, is clearly a very popular figure. Jesus is the healer. We might ask ourselves today do we know who is in need of healing of any kind? How can we reach out to them?

Jesus shows us in today's gospel what it takes to stay connected, to re-energise ourselves for the various tasks: quiet time and a space for reflection and prayer. (**Jesus went into the hills for that space**)

But the people hunted for him, '*everyone is searching for you*' People are still searching. It is up to all of us to help those on this journey, those in need of help and healing, to do what we can.

Parish Pastoral Council

The February meeting of the **PPC** will be held in the Parochial House on Tuesday at 8.00pm.

Blessing of Throats

The Blessing of Throats -- **Tuesday** evening after the 7.00pm Mass.

Community Employment Scheme

There is a vacancy on the **NTF / Killoe** Community Employment Scheme. Please contact your local Service /Intro Employment Office to check your eligibility. Please forward your CV to **Tony Mahon**, Supervisor, EDI Center, Longford.

Collectors Rota

The new rota for the weekend Mass offertory collectors is now available for collection in the sacristy.

Clonguish Og- G A A

Registration for **Clonguish Og** for 2018 will be held in the **Ralph Room** on **Mon. Feb. 5th** from 7.00pm to 8.00pm and on **Mon. Feb. 12** from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Further info. **086 0401378.**

Mary's Meals Thanks: Church gate collection realized €1508 Thanks.