

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm: *Paddy & Philomena Douglas & Patrick Mc Eveney / Mark & Margaret Cooney*

10.30am: *Mel Tighe. Fri 7.00pm; Bridget Vaughan.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Lou Tormey . 10.30am: Paddy & Bridie McGowan & their son Fr Padraig.*

Last weekend Collection: €1475 *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: <i>Liam Madden</i>	10.30 am: <i>Confirmation class</i>
E.Ms. – Vigil: <i>Garry Hughes</i>	10.30 am: <i>Sarah McCormack</i>

Feast Days

Feb 5th

St Agatha

St Agatha is an Italian martyr of the early church who died in 251.

Feb 6th

Ss Paul Miki & Companians.

They were martyred in Nagasaki, Japan in 1597.

Feb 7th.

St Mel

St Mel died in 488. It is thought that he was Briton who came to Ireland with St Patrick. He is one of the earliest Irish saints and he is said to have given the veil to St Brigid.

St Blaise

The blessing of the *throats* will take place on **Monday February 5th** after the 7.00pm Mass.

Job

The cry of **Job** in today's **first reading** is one that comes out of deep suffering. He is in a very dark place indeed. Not only has he lost his health, his property, and members of his family but he seems to have lost **God**. He had been living an exemplary life and he cannot understand why God allowed so much misfortune to befall him. The God whom he worshiped when times were good now seems a stranger to him. The figure of Job in the bible is a very real picture of the dark side of human experience. Even **Jesus**, when he was at his weakest and poorest cried out "**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me**"

What saved **Job** from total despair is that he is able to express how he felt to **God**. He addressed God very directly and honestly in uncompromising terms. He speaks to God out of the depths of his pain. This is real prayer. **We should speak to God out of the reality of our lives, whatever that reality might be.** Job's faith was rewarded and he eventually went on to find happiness peace of heart.

Commitment Ceremony

This ceremony will take place on Sunday next at the **10.30am** Mass. It is part of the preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated on Saturday May 11th.

Grandparents Day

The grandparents of pupils in 1st and 4th class in **Scoil Mhuire** are invited to a prayer service in the **Paddy Joe Murphy** sports hall on **Thursday Feb 8th**. to mark **Catholic Schools Week**.

Newtownforbes Active retirement Association

Meetings resume on Thursday Feb 8th in Casey's at 2.00pm.

Lourdes Collection

Church gate collection is on next weekend.

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

