

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: 10.30pm:

Last weekend Collection: €700.00. Thank you.

On Line contributions

IBAN: IE34 AIBK 9321 4026 9364 22 (BIC: AIBKIE2D)

A number of people have inquired about contributing to the weekly envelope and the dues collections on line. To do so you need the above details. The Parish of Clonguish A/C is with the A I B bank, Longford.

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

Feast Days

Easter Monday

The women clasp the feet of the real body of the risen Lord. But they are not to cling on in signs of love. His appearances are for the purpose of sending them on mission.

Easter Tuesday

*Mary Magdalene is told that their old relationship is now changed, she is not to cling on, for Jesus has to return to the **Father**, to fulfill what he was sent to do.*

Easter Wednesday

*Jesus joins the disciples on the road to **Emmaus**. They recognize him when he breaks the bread. With joy they go back to tell the good news to their friends.*

Pastoral Message of Bishop Francis Duffy (edited)

One Year On

Over the last year we have witnessed the wonderful courage, sacrifice and kindness of so many people. We have lots of Good Samaritans, ever watchful for those who are in need.

We have also seen suffering in a variety of different ways, front line workers exhausted and those in hospitals and nursing homes without visits. The closure of businesses has led to considerable worry. Many have spoken to me about the sad contexts in which funerals take place. Those who stand in silence as a funeral passes are standing with and alongside the bereaved family, acknowledging the family and community loss. It is a heartfelt stance of solidarity and support.

Young People, School and sacraments

School staffs has kept learning to the forefront in the most challenging of circumstances Parents have the demanding work of home schooling in the midst of already busy schedules.

In our parishes there are many who are preparing for the sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. I hope that the celebration of these sacraments, as well as all the postponed baptisms and marriages, will be joyful and happy occasions for families, when it is safe for them to take place.

Easter Joy and Easter Hope

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is our reassurance that he continues to walk along side us. It holds out the ultimate hope that God loves each of us, no matter what. We are an Easter people; our faith in the risen Lord remains undimmed. It is a faith that tells us, yes these are difficult times, but the Lord walks with us, encouraging us and giving us the wisdom to keep going in a positive and life enhancing way and to be especially supportive and protective of those around us.

We look forward to the day when we can worship freely and meet up again with family and neighbours with joy in our hearts.

+ **Francis Duffy**

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.

