

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon.7.00pm. Tues. 9.00am. Wed. 9.00am Thur. 9.00am Fri. 9.00am

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Matthew Thompson, brothers Fr Noel, John and sister Mary.*

10.30am: *No special intention.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Tommy & Mary Kathleen Doyle / Larry & Peggy McGlynn.*

10.30. *Eileen McGee.*

Last weekend Collection: €945.00. *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:	10.30 am
E.Ms. - Vigil:	10.30 am

Feast Days

July 6th

St Maria Goretti (1890-1902)

One of the largest crowds ever assembled for a canonization-250,000- symbolised the reaction of millions touched by the story of Maria Goretti who died defending herself during a sexual assault.

July 9th

Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

Known as the Chinese martyrs, these martyrs were canonized in the year 2000. The group of 120 died in China between 1648 & 1930.

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community on Saturday, Leah Emma Quinn, Cartrons. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and her family.

This is the Carpenter, Surely?

'A prophet is despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house' We might find ourselves sympathizing with Jesus in today's gospel: no matter what a person achieves in this life, in their home place they will always be identified with their childhood selves and their family. While this generates a sense of belonging, it can be stifling. There is always someone to ensure we do not get 'too bit for our boots', we don't get ideas 'above our station'!

Returning home to Nazareth, Jesus teaches in the synagogue but his former neighbours turn on him. Who does he think he is, this carpenter, son of Mary? **This could have been a moment of grace, if they were open to hear what he had to say. Perhaps the implications of the Good News were too challenging coming from one of their own.**

Sometimes God's message comes in an unexpected package. As individuals and communities, we can be guilty of silencing certain voices. Do we listen to young people with their energy and idealism, or the elderly with their experience and wisdom? Are we biased against certain groups in society, do we shout them down before we speak?

When our hearts are open, we come to recognize the prophets who are bringing the dream of God to fruition among us.

Triona Doherty -Intercom magazine

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers

We hope to have our **Eucharistic ministers and readers** back at Mass in August. New rotas are being drawn up at the moment.

Croagh Patrick

The annual Croagh Patrick pilgrimage takes place on the last Sunday in July, Reek Sunday. Last year it was cancelled because of the pandemic. This year it is going ahead with the help of a large number of lay volunteers and priests.