

# CLONGUISSH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

Fri. 9.00am.

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil:** Jimmy, Brigid, Josephine, Willie, Liam and Gerry Casey.

10.30am. *Special Intension.*

## ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** John Houlihan. 10.30am: Peter Murphy/James Byrne.

*Last weekend Collection's €1,281 Thank you.*

## Next Weekend

**Readers—Vigil:** Eugene O'Brien 10.30am. Fionuala Carthy

**E.Ms. Vigil:** Al Yorke 10.30am. Elizabeth Moore

## **Feast Day**

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> St Ciaran

*Along with St Mel, St Ciaran is patron saint of our Diocese. He is always associated with Clonmacnois.*

## **Baptism**

*We welcomed into the Christian community, Amberley Martina McGlynn, Briskil, on Saturday last. We pray God's blessing for the newly baptised and on her family.*

## **Knock Pilgrimage**

*The Diocesan Knock Pilgrimage is on today (Sunday.)*

**Timetable: 12.30pm.** Sacrament of Reconciliation **2.30pm.** Anointing of the sick. **3.00pm.** Mass followed by the Rosary procession.

## **Clonmacnois Pilgrimage**

*Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September is the date for the Pilgrimage to Clonmacnois*

## Counting the Cost

Today's Gospel is troubling. Does Jesus really expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his followers? Jesus is making a point here about how we attach ourselves to things and to people, even to images of ourselves. Attachment can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives. If we are to grow, we move on from the comfortable, we let go of the familiar, and that can often be painful. Today, we can ask ourselves: **'What is it that I need to let go of?'**

The two parables in this story remind us to think things through and weigh up the cost involved. The Kingdom of God journey involves sacrifice and sometimes it feels like '20,000 against 10,000'. A disciple of Jesus must be ready to carry the burden not only of tensions with one's family but even the burden of legal consequences. This was the experience of Luke's community and it is still the experience of many Christians in the world today. So this passage is a call to conversion and we read it from the various forms of discipleship that we are in; **parenting, advocacy, political life, social work, friendship, community building....**

Jesus **'turned to them'**, he is speaking from experience. Jesus' words are harsh, but spend time with this text today; his words can be interpreted as passionate, urgent, and focused, and can even offer us a great freedom and encouragement in whatever journey of discipleship we are on.

**Intercom- Jane Mellett.**

## **Parish Pastoral Council**

The first meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council after the summer break is on **Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup>** That's a week later than usual.

## **Dancing Classes**

The Maureen Farrell school of Irish dancing will resume in the Parish Hall on Friday September 9<sup>th</sup>. For further details, please call 086 3702719.

## **Marathon Thanks**

The organising committee of the **Pat the Baker, Longford Marathon** wishes to thank the people from Clonguish who acted as stewards and who helped at water stations on the day. Everything went very smoothly, thanks to the good work of the volunteers from the parish.

