

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 10.30am. **Tues.** 9.00am **Wed.** 9.00am. **Thurs.** 9.00am.
Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Special Intention.* **10.30am.** Margaret Larkin /
Paddy, Bridie, Declan and Ned Flanagan.

Mon.: **10.30am.** Michael & Helen Quinn & deceased family members.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Frank & Lily Casey. **10.30am:** Tom McGinn / Bernadette &
Michael Reilly.

Last weekend Collection: €1038.

Christmas Day Collection: €3195. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Anne Marie Williams	10.30am: Anne O'Brien
E.Ms. Vigil: James Quinn	10.30am: Patricia Donegan

Feast Days

Jan. 6th The Epiphany

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, son of God and Saviour of the world. Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the Magi from the east. Mass for the Epiphany is at 10.30am on Monday.

Reader's Rota

Mass readers please call to the sacristy to collect the new rota and St Paul Sunday Missal.

Parish Calendar 2020

The calendar is on sale in local shops and sacristy - Price €3.

Christ Our Light

'A light shines in the darkness, a light that darkness could not overpower.' A statement from today's gospel that is full of hope. We have all known our dark times. A darkness of spirit can engulf us, we can find ourselves getting depressed for some reason or other. A darkness of mind can also come over us; we find it hard to think clearly; we struggle to find a clear way forward out of some complex situation. We can find ourselves dealing with a darkness of heart, assailed by dark feelings that leave us feeling guilty and ashamed. These dark experiences whatever form they take can threaten to overwhelm us.

It is to these kinds of situations that today's gospel reading can speak most powerfully. The gospel writer (**St John**) declares that there is no human darkness which the light of Christ cannot and does not penetrate. There is no human affliction that cannot be endured with the Lord's help. He is the true light that enlightens everyone whatever our dark experience may be.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth so that we might all receive from his fullness. The life-giving light of Christ shines on all our lives.

Martin Hogan

Senior citizen's Party

This annual get-together will be held in **Casey's Bar** on Sunday **January 19th**. The get-together will consist of light refreshments, drinks, live music and a raffle for charity. Anyone looking for transport please contact Bernie @ 086 1585349.

Dates for your Diary in 2020

February 3rd, Feast of St Blaise- Blessing of Throats.

February 26th - Ash Wednesday.

March 22nd- Mother's Day.

April 5th - 12th Holy Week.

May 9th/10th - **Diocesan Assembly**, St Mel's Pastoral Centre.

May 16th - First Holy Communion.

May 19th - **Confirmation.**

May 25th - Start of the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

June 21st - Father's Day.

June 28th - Cemetery Sunday (12.00. noon). **Sept. 6th.**: Diocesan pilgrimage to Knock.

