

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

**Mon. 7.00pm. Tues. 7.00pm. Wed. 10.30am Thurs. 9.00am. Fri.: 9.00am.**

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil: Noel & Bridget Piggott. 10.30am: Sean Ryan, Sadie, Annemarie and deceased family members.**

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil: Mary Costello (Month's memory) 10.30am. No Special intention.**

**Last weekend Collection: €916.00. 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: Anne Marie Williams. 10.30 am: Patricia O'Brien.**

**E.Ms. - Vigil: Anne Duke. 10.30am: Joanne Quinn.**

### Feast Days

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> St Nicholas of Myra (Bishop)**

*Myra is modern day Turkey. St Nicholas is the patron saint of Russia, and he is the original Santa Claus. He lived in the fourth century.*

**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> St Ambrose (Bishop)**

*He was bishop of Milan. In 374, the laity insisted on his becoming bishop though he was still not baptized.*

**Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> The immaculate Conception**

**Masses for the Holy Day: Vigil: Tuesday 7.00pm. Wednesday, 10.30am.**

### Trocaire Collection

*To date the Trocaire collection for the suffering people of East Africa has come to €3,500. The final figure has been forwarded to - Trocaire, Maynooth, Co Kildare. Thanks to all who contributed to this good cause.*

## “Prepare the way of the Lord”

Road construction is arduous, and dirty work that can cause a lot of inconvenience to those who live nearby. (just ask the people of the village and those who pass through **Newtownforbes**). We know all about it). The result - a broad new Main Street that enhances the lives of all of us. (we hope).

The word of God tells us what we must do to see God. Like road construction, it's arduous and difficult work: destroy bad habits, level pride, build up good works and kindness.

Happily, it's not necessary to attempt this transformation single-handedly or all at once. God's free gift of grace is a 'mighty machine' that can help us change if we seek his help. If we are willing to do that over time we'll be fundamentally changed. We'll find **peace and salvation**.

Eventually, though, roads deteriorate and must be rebuilt. Similarly, our preparations – our life's work – is never complete. We'll sin and offend God again and again and need to rebuild our relationship with him. That's why God's supply of grace is inexhaustible.

**Karen Wenzel**

### St Vincent de Paul

There are envelopes at the church doors for anyone who would like to donate to the **Longford** branch of **St Vincent de Paul** Christmas appeal. You never know who is in need at this time of the year.

### Envelopes for 2022

The boxes of envelopes for **2022** are now distributed. We are very grateful to those who each year take on the task of distributing the envelopes.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings - **Sunday** 11.30am, **Tuesday** 1.00pm. **Wednesday** 8.00pm. **Thursday** 1.00pm. in the **Family Centre, Longford**, @ back of cathedral.