

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 7.00pm. Tues. 9.00am. Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil: *Philomena & Patrick McEveney & Paddy Douglas / John Gregg / Joseph Byrne. 10.30am: Tom Doris (Monthh's mind)*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Lou Tormey. 10.30am: No special intention.*

Last weekend Collection: €1225. *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 McCann. 10.30 am: Anne Devlin.*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Cathy Murphy. 10.30 am. Michelle Feeney.*

Feast Days

Feb. 6th

St Paul Miki & Companions

Brother Paul Miki, a Jesuit and a native of Japan, has become the best known among the martyrs of Japan. He died hanging on a cross in 1597.

Feb. 7th

St Mel

He is said to be a Briton who came to Ireland with St Patrick, with whom he worked until he was ordained in Ardagh. He died in 488.

Feb. 11th

Our Lady of Lourdes

On this day in 1858, Our Lady appeared to the fourteen year old Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes. In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to be held on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes each year.

Salt and Light

As a flavouring for food, salt is not an end in itself. Use too much salt and the meal is ruined! Rather, salt brings out the flavor of ordinary dishes without bringing too much notice to itself.

Light is something like salt in that it does not exist for its own sake. Light gives warmth, and illuminates a room so we can work or read. Like salt, light is at the service of a good greater than itself. Salt and light are forgotten when used in the right way, calling no more attention to themselves once the season and brighten.

So when Jesus, in today's Gospel, calls us "salt" and "light" he expects us to make a difference in the world around us – not for the sake of our own ego but for the kingdom of heaven and the glory of God.

When we say that the followers of Jesus are "salt" and "light" we don't necessarily mean that Christians must be extroverted sparkling personalities in order to make a difference. If we are **poor in spirit, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers, and hunger and thirst for what is right**, then we will have what it takes to season society and brighten the world.

David LeSieur

Scoil Mhuire Enrolment

Parents hoping to send their child to Scoil Mhuire in September should contact the school in the next few weeks. The school phone number **043 3345220**.

Grow

This **Community Mental Health Movement** meets every **Monday at 11.00am** in the **Community Mental Health Centre**, Dublin Rd, Longford. If you are feeling lonely, isolated or suffering from stress you are welcome. Contact **Assumpta at 086 811 4134**. You can visit www.grow.ie

