

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER
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MASSES THIS WEEK

9.00am each morning

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: No intention. 10.30am James & Agnes Gregg

Wed. 9.00am Special intention

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: No intention 10.30am No intention

Last weekend Collection €1,426. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Margaret Kilbane	10.30am. Mary Ginty
E.Ms. Vigil: James Quinn	10.30am. Joanne Quinn

Feast Days

March 7th St Perpetua & St Felicity

These two women, Perpetua, an upper-class married woman and Felicity, a slave girl were martyred in Carthage (North Africa) in 203.

March 8th St John of God (1495-1550)

Having converted at the age of 40, John founded a religious order, the St John of God Brothers and he also founded a hospital for the poor.

First Confession

The boys and girls preparing for their First Holy Communion will celebrate their First Confession on Tuesday at 7.00pm

Women's World Day of Prayer

The annual Women's Day of Prayer will be celebrated in St Paul's Church, Newtownforbes on Wednesday March 8th at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

TEMPTATION

Today's gospel describes Jesus' temptations in the desert. We are given a glimpse of an inner conflict as he begins his public ministry. At his baptism, Jesus had an experience of God his Father, assuring him that he was his beloved son.

Shortly after his baptism in the Jordan he had a very different experience in the desert, Satan tempting him to take a very different path to the one his baptism had launched him, Satan tempts him to be self-serving- to look out for his own physical needs, to gain followers by indulging in the spectacular, to sell his soul for the sake of power and status.

This was a very real conflict for Jesus. Jesus resolved this inner conflict in favour of remaining faithful to God's call and to the mission God had entrusted to him.

In Lent, we try to identify the temptations that are most significant for us; we acknowledge honestly the ways we have surrendered to such temptations and we invite the Lord to enter our lives more fully so that like him we too may be faithful to God's call.

Parish Pastoral Council

The monthly meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held in the Parochial House on **Tuesday March 7th at 8.00pm**

Stations

Lent is a time for Station Masses. Anyone wishing to host a Station Mass for their area please contact Fr McGovern. Station Masses may be celebrated up to the end of May.

Irish Heart Foundation

Coffee/Tea morning, Sun. Mar. 5th 10.30-3.30pm. For further information- 087 9023037.

Proposed Retirement Village—Public Meeting

This meeting will be held in the **Parish Hall** on Saturday **March 11th** at 4.00pm. All are welcome.

Irish Pilgrimage Trust--- Fundraiser

This fundraiser will take the form of a **VitalDance** workshop in the Longford Arms Hotel on Sunday March 12th 11.00am-4.00pm. It will be conducted by Catherine McInerney. Phone 087 9983056

Bingo: Today (Sunday) 3.00pm- Paddy Joe Murphy Sports Hall.