

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**Vigil:** Micheal & May McGuinness & their son Patrick.

**10.30am:** John & Mary Reilly.

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** No special intention.

**10.30am:** May & Michael Barden & their daughter Rosemary.

### Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Kitty Quinn, Prucklish**, whose funeral was on Thursday. May she **Rest in Peace**.*

**Last weekend Collection: €680. 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:** Liam Madden

**10.30 am.** Fionuala Carthy

**E.Ms. – Vigiiil:** Garry Hughes.

**10.30 am.** Sarah McCormack

### Feast Days

Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>

**Ss Perpetua & Felicity**

*Two women martyrs from the early church Both died in **Greece** in 203.*

Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>

**St John of God (1495-1550)**

*A spaniard, he devoted his life to the care of the poor and the sick in **Africa**.*

**Killoe / Newtownforbes Community Employment Scheme**

*There are vacancies. Interested, call **Michelle** at 087 756825*

## Transfiguration

Picture an old oil lamp sitting on a shelf in a store room covered in layers of dust and grime. How useless it looks. Then someone comes along, cleans off the layers of dust, polishes it and then lights it. **Suddenly the lamp is transformed. It glows, radiating light and beauty to every corner of the room.** Whereas prior to this it was disfigured with dust and dirt now it is transfigured with beauty. Yes it is the same lamp.

When any of us is loved and cared for, a spark of joy or hope or love is kindled in our hearts and we see ourselves and our lives in a new and better light; we are transfigured, and rendered brighter and worthier.

As **Jesus** went about **Galile** his divinity was cloaked by his humanity. But on **Mount Tabor** God's light burst forth from the body of Jesus and he was transfigured.

We are made in the image of **God**; we carry the splendor of the divine within us. However, sin tarnishes that image and so disfigures us.

In his love for us, **God** allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come. He gives us a glimpse of the promised land towards which we are travelling in faith; **transfiguration.**

**Flor McCarthy SDB**

### Lourdes Collection

The recent Lourdes envelope collection came to **€535**. Thanks to all who contributed. The diocesan pilgrimage takes place on the **2<sup>nd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> June**.

### Basket Collection

Maybe the time is right to reintroduce the passing around of the baskets at the Offertory of the **Mass**. This will require a few teams, two people at each **Mass**. Collectors who have done this for years are more than welcome to continue doing so. New volunteers will be more than welcome. Please contact **Fr McGovern**.

