

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Jimmy, Brigid, Josephine, Willie, Liam, Gerry & Paddy Casey.

10.30am: James & Elizabeth O'Neill.

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: John & Mary Reilly.

10.30am. Peter Murphy / Sean & Winifred Manning.

### Rest in Peace

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Bryonny Sainsbury**, Briskil, whose funeral was in **Farnaught**, Church Ireland, on Saturday.

**Last weekend Collection: €750.00. 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: Liam Madden. 10.30 am: Anne Devlin.

E.Ms. - Vigil: James Quinn. 10.30 am: Liam Belton.

### Feast Days

Sept.8<sup>th</sup> Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. The church has celebrated Mary's birth since the sixth century. **"She is the flower of the field from which bloomed the precious lily of the valley"**

Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> St Ciaran

St Ciaran was born in Roscommon around 512. He came to Clonmacnois in 545 where he founded a monastery which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe. He, along with St Mel is patron of our diocese.

### All Ears

In today's gospel reading the man who people brought to Jesus was both deaf and had an impediment in his speech. It was only when his ears were opened by Jesus that he began to speak clearly. The healing of his deafness was prior to his healing of his speech impediment. This is a reminder to us that our ability to speak is dependent on our capacity to listen.

Listening comes before speaking. This is also true of our dealings with others. **Our capacity to hear others, to really listen to them, can be more important than anything we might say to them, or do for them.**

One of the ways we mediate God's creative power to others is listening attentively to them. That act of listening can be powerfully life giving in its' own right, even before we do or say anything on their behalf. When people are listened to in a non-judgmental way, they can come alive in new ways.

In the light of today's readings, we might pray for the grace to discern the ways in which the Lord may be calling each of us to be less vocal and be better listeners.

Fr Martin Hogan

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The diocesan pilgrimage to Knock will not take place this year due to the continuing restrictions. **Bishop Francis Duffy** will celebrate Mass at Knock shrine at **3.00pm** today (Sunday). Mass will be livestreamed at [www.Knockshrine.ie](http://www.Knockshrine.ie)

### Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community on Saturday **Donal Thomas Brady**, Scotland / Lismore. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and his family.

### Examination Results

Congratulations to the girls & boys who got their exam results on Friday, after a difficult year. Best wishes as they plan their future courses in the days ahead.

