

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil: Helen and Michael Quinn. 10.30am. Tony O'Loughlin**

**Fri. 7.00pm: Thomas McGinn & Thomas & Margaret McKenna.**

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil: Margaret Larkin. 10.30am: Michael & Bernadette Reilly**

**Last weekend Collection: €1229. Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

**Readers—Vigil: Clodagh McCann 10.30am: Mary Ginty**

**E.Ms. Vigil: Garry Hughes 10.30am: Liam Belton**

### Feast Days

**Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> St Raymond of Penyaford (1175-1225)**

**Jan 13<sup>th</sup> Baptism of the Lord**

*Sunday next is the feast of the **Baptism of the Lord**. At his baptism in the Jordan, Jesus is anointed with the spirit and is proclaimed messiah.*

### Baptism

*We welcomed into the Christian family, **Ava Margaret McGlynn**, Briskil on Saturday last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and her family.*

### Parish Pastoral Council

*The January meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will be held in the Parochial House on **Tuesday** evening at 8.00pm.*

### Back to School

***Scoil Mhuire** opens tomorrow (Monday) after the Christmas break and we wish vice principal, **Mrs. Bernie Daly** every happiness in her retirement.*

## Searching for a Greater Light

The story of the **magi from the East** has inspired artist and poets down through the centuries. The poet **TS Eliot** wrote a poem entitled, "The **Journey of the Magi**", in which he describes a journey at the 'worst time of the year' the 'very dead of winter'. We celebrate this feast in the very dead of winter, when the days are short and dark. Yet the feast of the **Epiphany** is very much a feast of light. The word '**Epiphany**' means 'manifestation' or 'showing forth'. Today's feast celebrates the shining forth of **Emmanuel, God with us**. to all who are seeking the face of **God**, who are searching for truth, looking for meaning and purpose in their lives. The feast of the **Epiphany** announces that the **Christ child** is the journey's end for all such seekers.

The magi from the East are patrons of all who are searching for a greater light and a fuller truth. **The Three Wise Men** are symbols of hope for all who struggle to God by strange routes. They are in reality, seeking the one who said of himself, '**I am the truth, I am the light, I am the life.**'

We all remain seekers until that day when we pass over from this life and come to see the **Lord** face to face. As **St Augustine** said, 'Our hearts are restless, until the rest in God.'

**Martin Hogan**

### Rota(s) for 2019

Counters, Mass readers, and eucharistic ministers are asked to call to the sacristy to collect their rota for 2019

### Senior Citizen's Party

The annual get together for the senior citizens of the parish is in **McGowan's Bar** on Sunday **January 20<sup>th</sup>**. starting at 3.00pm. There will be refreshments, live music and a raffle for charity. If you need transport call **Bernie at 086 1585349**.

### St Paul's Sunday Missal

Mass readers please call to the sacristy to collect their **St Paul Sunday Missal** for 2019.

### Parish Calendar – 2019

The parish calendar for 2019 is now on sale in the local shops and in the sacristy. **Price is €3.**

