CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER
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MASSES THIS WEEK
Mon. *7.00pm* **Tues.** *10.30am* **(Holy Day) Thur**. *9.00am* **Fri.** *9.00am.*
ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND
Vigil: *No special intention.* ***10.30am***: *Thomas Lyons.*
ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND
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Last weekend Collection: € *Thank you*.

On Line contributions

IBAN: IE34 AIBK 9321 4026 9364 22 (BIC: AIBKIE2D)
A number of people have inquired about contributing to the weekly envelope and the dues collections on line. To do so you need the above details. The ***Parish of Clonguish A/C*** *is with the* ***A I B bank, Longford****.*

Next Weekend

Readers – Vigil:		**10.30 am**
E.Ms. -	**Vigil:**	**10.30 am**

Feast Days

Dec. 7th **St Ambrose** (340-397)
Andrew *was a disciple of* ***John the Baptist*** *when he was called by* ***Jesus*** *to be an apostle. He in turn brought his brother* ***Peter*** *to* ***Jesus.*** *He is patron of S****cotland*** *and* ***Russia.***

Dec. 8th **The Immaculate Conception**
We celebrate ***Mary*** *who, from the first instance of her existence in the womb of her mother* ***Anne****, was 'by a singular grace and privilege of almighty* ***God****, and in view of the merits of* ***Jesus Christ****, Saviour of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin'*

Masses for the Holy Day

Monday, vigil: ***7.00pm*** *Tuesday:* ***10.30am****.*

The Beginning of the Good News

The Second Sunday of Advent turns our attention to John the Baptist. John was an interesting individual. We are told he dressed a bit strange and spent a lot of time in the desert, 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness'. Yet it seems he was very popular with 'all the people of Jerusalem' went to hear him. John must have been a dynamic speaker and one in whom the people found hope and inspiration. In John the Baptist time, the people lived under the oppression of the Roman Empire and were waiting for someone to liberate them. John points to one who is greater than he, he points the people to Jesus.
When Pope Francis released the letter Fratelli Tutti in October he noted that dark clouds hang over our world and he urged everyone to embrace a spirit of friendship, kindness, compassion and solidarity as we move forward, to help insure the dignity of every person and a more sustainable world for all.We have experienced a type of wilderness this year as we continue to battle the effects of Covid19 and find a way forward, Our communities need messengers, like John, who bring good news, hope and a vision for the future, who point us to a new way forward. **Jane Mellett—Intercom Magazine**.

Envelope Boxes

The boxes for 2021 are ready for distribution. We are grateful for the work our volunteers do in distributing the boxes each year. The boxes can be collected in the **Parochial House**.

Parish Calendar

The parish calendar for 2021 is on sale at the moment. **The price is €3.** Please support.

St Vincent de Paul

Due to the Covid 19 restrictions **St Vincent de Paul** cannot hold collections in public. People can still donate by using the St Vincent de Paul envelope at the church doors.

Covid 19 Support Line

ALONE is the name of a support line for older people who have concerns relating to the virus **Covid 19**. Professional staff are available to answer queries, and give advice and reassurance when necessary. This service is open 7 days a week, 8.00am to 8.00pm. Phone 0818222024.