

**CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
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**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Mon 10.30am & 7.00pm Tues 9.00am Thurs 9.00am**

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND**

**Vigil 7.00pm:** *No special intention.* **10.30am :** *Sean, Sadie & Anne Marie Ryan / Deceased members of the Mimmagh family.*

**Mon 7.00pm** *Noel & Bridget Pigott*

**ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND**

**Vigil 7.00pm :** *Pat & Margaret McCormack.* **10.30am:** *No special intention.*

**Rest in Peace**

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **James Carthy**, formerly of **Currygranny**, who died recently in **Manchester**.  
**James Carthy** is a brother of **Jody Carthy**, **Currygranny**.*

*We also pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Danny Reilly**, **Clontubrid**, whose funeral was on Saturday. May they **Rest in Peace**.*

**Last weekend Collection: €1505** *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 7.00pm:** Geraldine McVeigh **10.30am:** Andrew Hanly  
**E.Ms. – Vigil:** Martin Ross **10.30 am:** Elizabeth Moore

**Feast Days**

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*The teaching states that “**Mary who, from the first instance of her existence was free from all stain of original sin**”  
There will be **two Masses** for the feast day , **10.30am & 7.00pm.***

**Advent (2)**

Today's Gospel reading suggests that **John the Bptist** was intolerant of complacency. His harshest words were for those religious leaders who repeatedly declared, “***We have Abraham for our father***”, and who were so content in that knowledge that they never looked seriously at their own lives. We know from experience we are all prone to complacency. The awareness that we have done nothing seriously wrong can leave us content. We drift along feeling reasonably happy with ourselves most of the time. We can be intolerant of those who might even suggest otherwise.

**John's** voice continues to call out to us to look seriously at our lives and to ask ourselves what needs to change. **John** also reminds us that we are not yet all that God is calling us to be. He refuses to leave us content where we are and, instead invites us to consider what it is in our lives that needs the **Holy Spirit's** purifying fire to burn away our pride and self reliance.

**Shane Brennan 5K**

On line entries are pouring in already for the Shane Brennan **5K run - walk** on St Stephen's day at **1.00pm**. Runners must enter on-line. All who enter on-line be they walkers or runners will get a beautiful wooly hat (blue & gold!) The hats can be bought on the day. To marshal the event properly, a number of volunteer stewards will be needed.

**Mission Appeal**

Last weekend mission appeal by **Fr Manuel Cassilas** of the **Comboni missionary** met with a generous response. A cheque for **€750** was forwarded to **Fr Manuel**.

**Samaritans +**

Their free to call Confidential Line number is **116 123**. This is a twenty four hour service.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

St Mel's Family Centre Meeting times – **Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 1pm; Wednesday and Saturday at 8pm; Sunday @ 11.30am.**