

# 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: *Philomena McEveney – Douglas & deceased family members / Lou Tormey.*

10.30am: *Anne Cox (Month's memory)*

## ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Tommy Williams.* 10.30am: *No special intention.*

Last weekend Collection: €1050. *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: *Anne Marie Williams* 10.30 am: *Anne O'Brien.*

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

## Feast Days

Feb: 7<sup>th</sup>

St Mel

*St Mel is the patron saint of our diocese He is said to have been a Briton who came to Ireland with St Patrick with whom he worked until he was ordained. He is one of the earliest Irish saints and he is said to have given the religious veil to St Brigid. He died in 488.*

Feb: 10<sup>th</sup>

St Scholastica

Feb: 11<sup>th</sup>

Our Lady of Lourdes

*On this day in 1858 Our Lady appeared to the fourteen year- old Bernadette Soubirous. In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to be held on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.*

## Hope

Without **hope** we would give up completely when troubles come and surrender to depression and despair. **St Paul's** reading today describes hope as one of the three things that will last alongside faith and love. How important it can be to hold on to **hope**, never to forget that things do pass, and that time can be a great healer.

Perhaps the thing that made Jesus so important to the people of his time, that made them hang on his words was the fact that his message was all about **hope**. He taught those who felt dejected and alone that his **Father, God**, never turned anyone away and never abandoned any soul.

In today's gospel **Jesus** told his listeners in the synagogue that even lepers and gentiles found favour with **God**. Some who heard him became angry. Angry that he was offering **hope** to those who they saw as outcasts and their enemies, but Jesus revealed that **God** denies the gift of **hope** to no one. So as we reflect on the coming of spring and the beginning of new life, let us ask **God** to renew the gift of **hope** in ourselves and to bring light and life to the parts of our lives that are dark or dead.

P O'Connor Intercom magazine.

## Active Retirement

The **Newtownforbes Active Retirement** group holds their first meeting of the new year in **Casey's Lounge** on Thursday **February 10<sup>th</sup>** at 2.00pm. New members are welcome. **See the flyers at the church doors.**

## Scoil Mhuire Enrolment

Parents who wish to enroll their child in **Scoil Mhuire**, the local primary school, for next **September** should do so now. **Phone 043 3345220.**

## Mary's Meals Raffle

Car raffle for a first prize of a **2022 VW Golf Life 2.00 TDI** takes place in Longford on **Friday Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm**. Tickets can be purchased at **Carla's Barbers**, Newtownforbes or at **Herterich's** Longford.