

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Paddy Mahon. 10.30am: No special intention.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil: Michael & Mai Barden & their daughter Rosemary.
10.30am: No special intention.**

Last weekend Collection: €955. 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: Geraldine McVeigh 10.30 am: Patricia O'Brien
E.Ms. - Vigil: Garry Hughes 10.30am: Liam Belton**

Feast Days

Mar. 7th

Ss Perpetua & Felicity

St Perpetua, a young upper class married woman and St Felicity, a slave girl, were martyred in Carthage (Tunisia) in the year 203.

Mar. 8th

St John of God (1495-1550)

Having given up active Christian belief as a soldier. John was forty when he made the dramatic decision to devote his life to God. John's special mission was to the sick and the poor. He struggled with mental health.

Trocaire

The three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and alms giving. For many years in this country, alms giving in Lent has been associated with the Trocaire Box. Trocaire is a well - run charity which helps suffering people all over Africa. Please take home the Trocaire envelope.

The Temptations

The temptations that we find in today's Gospel reading were somewhat unique to **Jesus**. Yet, they are not without relevance to all of us. Like **Jesus**, we too have been baptized, and like him we too received a calling and a mission on the day of our baptism. We are called to follow **Jesus** and to reveal him to others. That means setting out on a journey that does not lead to short cuts or easy options. Following **Jesus** today will often mean taking the road less travelled, saying no to what seems very attractive.

When **Jesus** was saying no to the shortcuts that **Satan** was suggesting to him, he was really saying no to putting himself first. Rather than putting himself first, he emptied himself, taking the form of a servant. This is our calling too.

As we begin **Lent** we are asked to look at ways we might be less self- serving and more the servant of others. In today's second reading **Paul** reminds us that our baptismal calling is to confess **Jesus** as **Lord**, not just with our lips but in our hearts and with our lives. This will often mean going the long way around for the sake of others rather than taking the short cut, going the extra mile with someone who needs our support. In our own testing times, we can pray in the words of today's psalmist "**My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I thrust**".

Fr Martin Hogan

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings take place each week in the **Family Centre, Longford**: times **Tuesday** at 1.00pm; **Wednesday** at 8.00pm; **Thursday** at 1.00pm and **Sunday** at 11.30am.

Bus to Bloom Festival

The bus to Bloom, Ireland's largest **Gardening, Food and Lifestyle Festival** in the **Phoenix Park** leaves Newtownforbes at **8.15am** on Saturday **June 4th**. To book, call **Evelyn** at 087 6626141.

