

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil: Kitty Griffin** (Months Memory) **10.30am.** *No Special intension*  
**Mon. 9.00am.** *Jack, Billy and Michael Byrne.* **Tues. 9.00am:** *Special intension.* **Thurs: 7.00pm:** *Pat McGuinness (Months mind)*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil: Daniel Hopkins / Shane Brennan**  
**10.30am:** *No special intension*

**Last weekend Collection: €1,522 .00. Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

<b>Readers—Vigil: Eugene O'Brien</b>	<b>10.30am.</b> <i>Fionuala Carthy</i>
<b>E.Ms. Vigil: Al Yorke</b>	<b>10.30am.</b> <i>Michelle Ghee</i>

## Feast Days

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Blessed Damien of Molokai**

*Forced to quit school at the age of 13 to work on the family farm in Tremelo, **Belgium**, six years later Damien joined the religious order of the **Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary**. In 1873 he went to **Hawaii** as chaplain to the leper colony on the **Island of Molokai**. Damien eventually got Hansen's disease. He died in 1936 and was buried with his people on the island. He is known as the **Leper Priest**.*

## World Meeting of Families- Wedding Anniversaries

*Already a number of couples have indicated that 2018 is a significant anniversary and they are delighted to be honoured in this way. The celebration will take place at the **vigil Mass of Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>** at **7.00pm**. We hope the new date suits everyone.*

## Mary- Queen of the MAY

*Stabat Mater dolorosa iuxta crucem lacrimosa dum pendebat Filius!  
 At the cross her station keeping, stood the mournful Mother weeping  
 close to Jesus to the last.*

This is the first verse of the Catholic Hymn to Mother Mary (Stabat Mater) The hymn begins by telling us that Mary stood by the cross, sorrowful and weeping while her son hung thereon.

**Mary stood**; she did not swoon. **Mary stood**; she did not sink. **Mary stood**; she did not sway. **Mary stood**; she did not shudder. **Mary stood**; she did not shiver. **Mary stood** she did not sink. **Mary stood**; she did not shirk. **Mary stood**; she did not shrink. **Mary stood**; she did not succumb. **Mary stood**; she did not speak.

She stood. She could stand anything and everything. She stood because she was a woman of deep faith. She stood because she was the first disciple who followed her son from the crib to the cross, from Bethlehem to Calvary.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death, Amen.**

Mgr Alex Rebello

## Fleadh Cheoil -Longfort

Congratulations to all who helped to make the County Longford Fleadh Cheoil in Newtownforbes such a great success.

## Longford Friends of the children of Chernobyl

Families are needed to host children for two weeks in July. For further information contact **Joan McLoughlin @ 086 8372144.**

## Grow

The Community Mental Health Movement meets every Monday at 11.00am in the Mental Health Centre, Dublin Road, Longford. If you feel lonely, isolated or suffering from stress why not come along. Contact John @ 086 8033126.