

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm. Fri 7.00pm.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: Jimmy, Brigid, Josephine, Willie, Liam, Gerry and Paddy Casey / Peter Murphy. **10.30am:** No special intention.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: No special intention. **10.30am:** No special intention.

Last weekend Collection: €1481. 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: Anne Marie Williams **10.30am:** Anne O'Brien
E.Ms : Vigil:7.00pm: Cathy Murphy **10.30am:** Michelle Feeney

Feast Days

Sept 8th Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century.

Sept 9th St Ciaran

St Ciaran was born in Roscommon around 512. He came to Clonmacnois in January 545 where he founded a monastery which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe. With St Mel he is the patron of our diocese.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday **September 6th (Today)**, anointing of the sick- **2.30pm**, Mass - **3.00pm**. For bus info. call **043 3346465**.

Eucharistic Adoration

Each **Wednesday**, for an hour from **7.00pm – 8.00pm**.

Alzheimer Society

Next monthly meeting takes place in **Earl St.** on **Wednesday Sept. 9th**.

A New Beginning...

It is with mixed feelings, that I sit down to do my last parish newsletter and prepare to celebrate my final Mass before my retirement as Parish Priest of Clonguish. I arrived on **Thursday 15th of September 2005**, the feast day of **Our Lady of Sorrows**. That afternoon, as I started to unpack a knock came to the door. It was a parishioner. "***I just called to welcome you to the parish***" they said and handed me a cake. That gesture of welcome and kindness set the tone of how I was to experience my time living and ministering among the people of the parish of **Clonguish**. It was a priveledge to be with you to celebrate in faith, the joys, the sorrows and all the significant moments of your lives over the last twenty one years.

I want to thank you all for your support, your kindness and your generosity over the years and especially at the time of my golden jubilee which was a very special moment for me.

This is a time of great change and **a new beginning** for all of us. At a time like this I find consolation in the words of **Archbishop Oscar Romero** who said .."***We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work... we plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted knowing that they hold future promise. We may never see the results.***

We move forward with faith in God and with our gaze fixed on the horizon of hope".

Office Hours

Parish secretary will be available on **Monday** and **Wednesday** mornings in the **Parochial House**, from 9.00am – 12.00 noon.

This arrangement will come into effect starting **Sept 21st**.

Marathon Thanks

The Longford marathon committee would like to thank the stewards who guided the athletes on their way through the parish. With your help this major athletic event could not be staged.

