

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Thurs 9.00pm, Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *No special intention.* **10.30am:** *Michael & Bernadette Reilly / Michael Barden & daughter Carmel.*

Last weekend Collection: €1055 *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: <i>Anne McCann</i>	10.30 am : <i>Anne Devlin</i>
E.Ms. – Vigil: <i>Cathy Murphy</i>	10.30 am: <i>Michelle Feeney</i>

Feast Days

Jan 7th **St Raymond of Penafort** (1175-1275)

A Spanish saint who at the age of 47 became a Dominican and later he became archbishop of Tarragona (Spain).

Dates to remember in 2024

Feb. 14 – *Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent and also St Valentines day.*

March 29th – *Good Friday.* **March 31** -*Easter Sunday.*

May 11th - *The Sacrament of Confirmation and the first official visit of **Bishop Paul Connell** to the parish.*

May 18th – *First Holy Communion.*

June 30th *Cemetery Sunday.*

Baptism of the Lord

When Jesus appeared before **John** at the **Jordam** river to be baptized, he had reached a crossroads in his life. He had left behind the quiet life of **Nazareth** and was about to embark on his public mission. It can't have been easy for him. He must have experienced some anxiety and uncertainty. He needed affirmation.

During his baptism he received that affirmation. He heard the wonderful words '*you are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased*' These words put wind in his sails.

This feast in which we recall the baptism of **Jesus**, reminds us of our own baptism, and renews its grace within us. What happened at the baptism of **Jesus** happens at our baptism too. He says to each of us "*you are my beloved*" And the spirit descends on us because we too are given a mission to participate in the work of Jesus.

We are not called to save the world, or to solve all its problems. Each of us has our own unique call, in our families, in our work, in our world. Faithfulness to small, everyday tasks is our way of responding to the problems of our time and of participating in the work of **Jesus**.

Flor McCarthy, SDB.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Mairead Quinn**, Drimure and **Kevin Kane**, Fostra, Dromard, who were married in St Mary's Church, Newtownforbes on Saturday. Also to **James Ross**, Leitrim, Newtownforbes and **Leah MacNerney**, Caislean Breac, who were recently married in St Brigid's Church, Ardagh. We wish the newly weds every blessing in their future lives together.

The Samaritans

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

