

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues: 9.00am. Wed: 9.00am. Thurs: 9.00am. Fri: 9.00am

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil. *Bernard Early (Months Mind)*

10. 30am. *Carmel Mary Barden / Tom McGuire.*

NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Michael Warren / Tommy Nevin.* **10.30am:** *Mary McGrath.*

Rest in Peace

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of Anne Ryan. Anne Ryan is sister of Philomena Douglas, Briskill. May she Rest in Peace.

Last week Collection: €1,761. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: *Geraldine McVeigh* **10.30am.** *Mary Ginty*
E.Ms. Vigil: *James Quinn* **10.30am.** *P J Bennett*

Feast Day

August 8th **St Dominic (1170—1221)**

St Dominic was a Spaniard who founded the order of Preachers (Dominicans)

Aug. 9th **Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (1891—1942)**

She is better known by her real name Edith Stein. Jewish by birth. She had lost her faith at fourteen. She was a brilliant philosopher and lecturer. She became a Christian in 1922. She met her death at the hands of the Nazis in Auschwitz on August 9th 1942. She was canonised in 1998.

Aug. 11th **St Claire (1194—1253)**

St Francis of Assisi was her lifelong friend and spiritual guide. She founded the religious order called the poor Clares.

Watching and Waiting

We do not like to wait. Listening to a radio discussion recently about the ever-increasing role technology plays in our lives, one panellist described how her smartphone had become almost like an extension of her arm. We don't know how to be alone or to have free time anymore, she lamented. If we're waiting for a friend or family member, the slightest delay has us reaching for our phones to catch up on emails, social media or the latest news. Delayed flights, or food that doesn't arrive promptly in a restaurant, can make us impatient and jittery. We have lost the art of waiting.

Yet Jesus regularly emphasises the importance of waiting. But it is clear that it is not the sort of waiting where we can sit around scrolling through our phones—there is an art to it. We must be awake and dressed for action and have our lamps lit, ready to go. We must be ready to open the door to the master when he knocks.

The 'waiter' described in today's Gospel is a devoted servant, eagerly awaiting his master's return. **We don't know when Jesus will return, but we are called to live in constant vigilance and readiness. Let us not be found asleep on the job, or distracting ourselves with the trivial things in life!**

Triona Doherty – Intercom Magazine

Recent Baptisms

We welcome into the Christian family last weekend (1) **Michael Joseph Duke**, Lamagh. (2) **Óisín Pádraig Hurson**, Ballagh. (3) **Odhrán Michael Murphy**, Lismoy and (4) **Riona Ellen O'Reilly**, Castle Glen. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptised and on their families.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Donnacha McGregor Tompkins**, Lismoy and **Laura O'Rourke**, Longford, who were married on Friday in Co Meath. We wish the newly-weds every blessing in the years to come.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The pilgrimage is on Sunday September 4th. Bus leaves the village at 10.45. Tickets €16.

