

CLONGUISSH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Paddy Douglas. **10. 30am.** Sr Immaculata & deceased Sisters of Mercy. **Fri. 7.00pm.** The Hannify family.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Ellen McManus / Lily Casey / Brendan and Carmel Forkan.
10.30am. Fran Martin / Tony O'Loughlin / Michael & Bernadette Reilly
Rest in Peace

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of Mena Carthy, Lismore/ Laurel Lodge, whose funeral was on Wednesday. May she Rest in Peace.

Last weekend Collection €1,143. Thank you.

Next Weekend

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| Readers—Vigil: Margaret Kilbane | 10.30am. Patricia O'Brien |
| E.Ms. Vigil: Al Yorke | 10.30am. Elizabeth Moore |

Jan. 13th St Hilary (315—368)

He was Bishop of Potiers (France) He was exiled from his diocese by the Roman Emperor Constantine.

Jan. 15th (Sunday) *Today is World Day of prayer for Migrants and Refugees.*

Readers Sunday Missal

Readers please call to sacristy to collect 2017 St Paul Sunday Missal.

Church Unity Week

This year the week of prayer for Church Unity week extends from January 18th – January 25th. More details next week.

The Baptism of the Lord

With today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord we know we have left the Christmas season behind us. The child Jesus has now become an adult.

It is as a fully grown man that he steps into the river Jordan to be baptised by John and to begin his public ministry. He leaves behind the sheltered life of home in Nazareth. At his baptism in the Jordan he experiences the coming of the Holy Spirit and he hears God the Father say to him "You are my son, the beloved; my favour rests on you" What a wonderful way to begin this new stage of his life, assured of God's favour.

Today is a day to reflect on the significance of our own baptism. The baptism of Jesus set him on a way of life that had consequences which no one at the time could have imagined. Our baptism commits us to give up everything that does not lead to God, and to have no ambition except to do good.

Every day we seek to be faithful to that baptismal commitment, trying to discover what path leads to God and what path does not.

Senior Citizens Party

The party is in **Casey's Bar** on Sunday January 22nd from 3.00—6.00pm. There will be refreshments, live music and a raffle. For to arrange transport call Bernie at 096-1585349. All welcome.

Public Meeting

An information evening is being held in the Parish Hall, Newtownforbes on **Saturday 21st of January at 4pm** to view and discuss the plans for a proposed retirement village to the rear of the premises formerly known as Bohan's Bar. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Longford Social Services—Thanks

This church gate collection before Christmas came to €560. Thanks to all who contributed.

Dancing Classes

Classes resume in Parish Hall Friday 13th at 6.30pm. Info. Call 086-3702719.

Bingo

The Clonguish monthly Bingo is on Sunday in the Paddy Joe Murphy Sports Hall. Usual great prizes are on offer.

