

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil: *Anne Cox /Margaret Larkin. 10.30am: No special intention.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Deceased members of the Hannify family/ Brendan & Carmel Forkan. 10.30am: Michael & Bernadette O'Reilly.*

Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Kathleen Laurence**, (nee **Prunty**) Wembley, London and formerly of the parish of Clonguish. Funeral on **Tuesday** (provisional) at **12.00 noon**. May she **Rest in Peace**.*

Last weekend Collection: €1730. 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 (Christmas)

Readers – Vigil: *Geraldine McVeigh. 10.30 am. Andrew Hanly*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Al Yorke. 10.30 am. Michelle Ghee*

Feast Days

Jan. 8th

Baptism of the Lord

*Today Sunday, second Sunday of the year is the feast of th Baptism of the Lord. Jesus is anointed with the **Spirit** and proclaimed as the **Messiah***

Mass Reader's Rota

*Mass readers please call to the sacristy to collect their **St Paul Sunday Missal** and the new rota.*

Eucharistic Ministers

Please call to the sacristy for the new rota.

Baptism of the Lord

On the day of his baptism, Jesus joined the ranks of sinners. The father approved of what he was doing, and set his seal on it by sending the Holy Spirit to anoint him with the oil of compassion for his mission.

What Jesus did that day at the Jordan river was to serve as a model for his public ministry. He would not keep himself apart from sinners. He would not wait for them to come to him. He would seek them out and go among them. He would befriend them. He would welcome them.

Jesus didn't stand apart or put himself above the sinners he came to save. He places himself among them. He joined them where they were. So much so that he was accused of being a sinner and was treated as a sinner. In fact he was treated as a criminal., and suffered the fate of the condemned criminal.

He reveals to us that we are God's precious children. He wants us to have life to the full here and hereafter.

Flor McCarthy SDB

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Brian Mahon** Ballagh, Newtownforbes and **Ailbhe McGowan**, Lismore House, Lismore, Newtownforbes, who were married in **St Mary's Church**, Newtownforbes on new year's eve. We wish the newly weds every blessing in the times ahead.

Community Employment Scheme

The Killoe / Newtownforbes Community Employment Scheme is seeking Enviromental Workers. For further information call Michelle @ 087 7568525.

Dates for 2023

Ash Wednesday – February 22nd

Easter Sunday - April 9th

Confirmation – April 28th

First Holy Communion – May 20th

Cemetary Sunday – June 25th

