

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00am Tues. 9.00am Wed. 9.00am Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 9.00am

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Chris Yorke / Bernard Sullivan 10.30am: Cormack Robinson / Deceased members of the Burke family.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Bridie Mahon / Jimmy & Alice Quinn 10.30am: Bill Keighran*

Last weekend Collection: €1,428 Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: *Anne McCann 10.30am: Angela Reynolds*

E.Ms. Vigil: *Al Yorke 10.30am: Joann Quinn*

Feast Days

October 9nd

Blessed John Henry Newman

October 11th

Blessed John XXIII (1881-1963) Pope

Pope John helped modernize the Catholic Church by calling the Second Vatican Council.

October 15th

St Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

She established Carmelite convents and wrote much about prayer and the spiritual life.

Station Masses

*Any home that would like to host a **Station Mass** during the month of **October** in their area, please contact Fr McGovern to set a date.*

A New Choral Project

*A new choral project based in the **Old School, Rooskey**, is currently recruiting altos, tenors and basses. Rehearsals take place every **Tuesday** from 8.00pm-9.30pm. Contact **Derek @ 086 3052204**.*

Sour Grapes

The people who write novels and songs and make films and television series often tell stories of unrequited love. It's a theme that touches the hearts and minds of people rich and poor, humble and famous. It sometimes gives birth to great art and tragic figures like Shakespeare's Othello, "**who loved not wisely, but too well.**"

The bible, which tells of God's dealings with the human race, is that kind of story. Over and over again we see God reaching out to his people, enveloping them in his love, and then being disappointed by their failure to respond.

Today's readings touch on the high and low of this love affair. Speaking through the prophet Isaiah, God asks, "**What more could I do for you?**"

The psalm recalls how God delivered the Israelites from bondage in Egypt, and wonders how they could have drifted so far from the Lord. **Jesus** tells the story again to a hostile audience and points out his own role in the tragedy. He reminds the religious leaders of their people's history: how God sent prophets to call them back and those prophets were rejected and even killed. He even sent his son and they killed him.

What about us? As a church we have sometimes yielded a rich harvest, but we have also fallen far short of what we should be.

As a people, we must each try to live in such a way that God's love affair with us may have a happy ending.

James DiGiacomo, SJ

Parents Meeting

A meeting of the parents/ guardians of the boys and girls preparing for **First Holy Communion** will be held in the assembly hall in Scoil Mhuire on **Wednesday evening at 8.00pm.**

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday May 19th 2018** at 12.00noon.

Parish Calendar 2018

Work has begun on the parish calendar for next year. We are always on the lookout for interesting photographs, either current or from the past. If you have any photographs that you think might be interest please contact Fr McGovern.

Calendar Sponsors: Having a sponsor for each month keeps down the cost. Enquiries to Fr McGovern.

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