

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

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm.: *Jimmy & Alice Quinn / Bernie Sullivan.*

10.30am: *No special intention.*

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: *Geraldine McVeigh 10.30 am: Anne Devlin*

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

Feast Days

Oct. 9th **St John Henry Newman (1801-1890)**

*John Henry Newman was an English theologian, academic, intellectual, philosopher and poet. He was an **Anglican** priest. He converted to Catholicism while a professor at **Oxford** and was later made a cardinal. He was canonized a saint in 2019.*

Oct. 11th **St John XXIII (1881-1963)**

*Despite his age and humble background, a farmers son from northern Italy, **Pope John XXIII** was one of the most influential popes of the modern era. In 1962 he called the **Second Vatican Council**. At the opening of the Council he opposed the ‘**the prophets of doom**’ and said “**nowadays however, the spouse of Christ (church) prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity**”*

*He and **John Paul II** were canonized on the same day in 2014.*

Planted by God

Lord, you planted me on this earth.

You fenced me around with the love of family and friends.

Their care towered over me.

In the shelter of this tower I grew in safety and peace.

I put early blossoms; I filled up with leaves.

People had great hopes for me

You had great hopes for me.

But now the year of my life is passing.

The harvest is approaching.

What fruit have I shown?

What if after all this care,

I had nothing to offer but sour grapes?

May you, Lord, have mercy on me,

And with your patient urging

help me to produce the fruits of love.

Flor McCarthy SDB

Baptism

We welcomed twobabies into the Christian community last weekend, **Finlay Aiden Hannify**, Cartrons and **Ria Rose McKenna**, Kilmore Upper. We pray God’s blessing on the newly baptized and on their families.

Fashion Show

A Fashion Show in aid of the charity **Mary’s Meals** will be held in the **Longford Arms Hotel** on Friday **October 27th** at 8.00pm. Tickets cost €15.

Gamblers Anonymous

Founded by **Jim Willis** in 1957, this organization helps people with a gambling problem. **Call 087 748 5878**, Dublin (10am-10pm) or **086 349 4450** (Galway).

The Samaritans

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

