

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Peggy & George White & George White Jnr, John & Lena Scanlon. **10.30am.** P J Bennett (*Months memory*)

Dr Gerald & Maureen Donnelly / Noel & Bridget Piggott.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Tom McGoldrick (*Months memory*)

Pat & Margaret McCormack / Sean, Sarah & Anne Marie Ryan & deceased family members. **10.30am.** Marie Heavey / James Reilly.

Last weekend Collection: €1275. Thank you.

Next Weekend

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| Readers—Vigil: Anne McCann. | 10.30am: Cathal Sorohan. |
| E.Ms. Vigil: Geraldine Halpin. | 10.30am Patricia Donegan. |

Feast Days

Dec. 9th **Immaculate Conception**

This feast day is not a holyday of obligation this year.

Dec. 12th **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

This memorial recalls the apparition of Our Lady in December 1531 on Tepeyac Hill near Mexico City.

Dec 14th **St John of the Cross** (1542-1591)

St John was a Carmelite, a poet and a man of prayer & a spiritual writer

Baptisms

*We welcomed into the Christian community on Saturday last, **Ben Daryl Paul Sutherland**, Castle Glen, and **Rian Patrick McGuinness**, Cahanagh / Melview. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and their families.*

Do This in Memory: *The next Mass is next Saturday, vigil at 7.00pm.*

Advent Safeguarding Message 2019

Bishop Francis Duffy

As a local church we work towards having safe environments for children in our activities. Places where parents can be reassured their children will be safe, treated with respect and valued. Many are involved at parish and diocesan level to maintain these standards. I thank you for your vigilance and your commitment to make our church as safe as possible for children.

I encourage anyone with concerns regarding the safety of children or anyone who suffered in the past to contact the **Designated Liaison Person, Sean Leydon** (087 7431649) or the **Deputy Liaison Person, Roisin Doherty** (087 7057516).

Longford Alzheimer's Society

Christmas' celebrations are in the **Attic Building**, Ballinalee Rd. on Wed. 11th from 7.00pm-9.00pm. There will be music, a choir and a raffle. All enquiries to 0876721522 or 043 3348402.

Crib Blessing / Santa's Arrival / Switching on of Lights

Newtownforbes Tidy Towns Committee invites all from the parish to this special celebration this Sunday with festivities starting at 4.30pm. Santa is due at 5.00pm approx., (traffic permitting!!) All are welcome, especially the children. Car park is reserved for those with a disability.

Parish Calendar 2020

The calendar is with the printers and should be on sale in the sacristy and local shops by mid-week. **Price €3.**

Mary's Meals

Mary Friel from the **Mary's Meals National Board** will give a presentation on **Fri.13th at 8.00pm** in St Mel's College about her 'feeding programme' trip to **Zambia**. All are welcome.

Shane Brennan 5K, St Stephen's Day (1.00pm. / Walk 12.45.)

Preparations for the race are at an advanced stage. The designated charity is the **Ollie Cox (Clondra) Rehabilitation Fund**.

Meals on Wheels

Longford Social Services Christmas church gate collection is on next weekend, **Dec.14/15**. Social Services provide Meals on Wheels, transport to and from hospitals and clinics. Please support.

