

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil 7.00pm:** *Gerald & Maureen Donnelly & their son Gerald / Sean, Sarah & Anne Ryan & deceased family members.*

**10.30am:** *Patricia & Peter Mimmagh / Noel & Brigid Pigott / Margaret & James Byrne. Mon 9<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm:* *Vincent & Michael Byrne.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil 7.00pm.:** *Margaret & Patrick McCormack. 10.30am:* *Tommy Doris / James Reilly & deceased mem. of the Reilly & Quinn families.*

**Last weekend Collection: €1346. 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 :** *Clodagh McCann 10.30am :Patricia O'Brien*  
**E.Ms. – Vigil:** *Martin Ross 10.30 am : Elizabeth Moore*

### Feast Days.

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>** **The Immaculate Conception** (Holyday)

*Celebrates Mary, 'full of grace' born free from sin. Mass is at 7.00pm.*

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup>** **Our Lady of Guadalupe** (Mexico)

*One of the largest Marian shrines in the world. She is patron saint of the Americas*

**Dec 13<sup>th</sup>** **St Lucy** (Martyr)

*St Lucy was martyred in Sicily (Italy) in 314.*

**Dec 14<sup>th</sup>** **St John of the Cross** (1542-1591)

*A Carmelite, John was a poet and a gifted spiritual writer.*

## John the Baptist

From time to time a **John the Baptist** figure can enter our lives and help us to receive the Lord's coming. We need such people on our life's journey, people who see the good in us that we often do not see in ourselves, who '*recognize what is best*' in us, in the words of the second reading, who appreciate the good work the **Lord** is doing in our lives, even if that good work is far from finished. Those who see us in this way, help us to receive the **Lord's** coming, and frees us to keep going in the direction the **Lord** wants to take us.

Today we might remember all those people who had a significant influence for good on our life's journey. We think of parents, grandparents, godparents, teachers and friends, all who helped to create a way for the **Lord** to enter our lives, and we thank **God** for them.

Fr Martin Hogan

### Meal on Wheels

The annual church gate collection for the **Meals on Wheels** charity is on next weekend. Please give generously.

### Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Paul Prunty**, Ohill, Killoe and **Anne McNulty**, Foxford, Co Mayo who were married in St Mary's Church, Newtownforbes, on Saturday last. We wish the newly weds every blessing in their future lives together

### Longford Flower Club

Longford Flower Club is holding a **Christmas Gala** on Tuesday **December 10<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm**. The venue is the **Backstage Theatre**. Proceeds goes to **Longford Rehabcare** and **Parkinson's Ireland**.

### The Samaritans

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

