

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 8th 2025

Fr. Ciaran McGovern. Tel: 043-3346805

Website: www.clonguishparish.ie / eMail: clonguishparish@gmail.com

Web Cam: churchtv.ie/newtownforbes

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Lou Tormey.10.30am: Pat & Kathleen Stenson / Nuala Rahill (Months memory).*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Bernard & Christine Hughes & their son Mark.*

10.30am: *Betty Rogers & deceased members of the Rogers & Doherty families.*

Last weekend Collection: €955. 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: Frank Quinn*
E.Ms. – Vigil: *Garry Hughes 10.30 am: Sarah McCormack*

Feast Days.

Feb 11th

Our Lady of Lourdes

On February 11th 1854 a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes in the south of France. During interrogations Bernadette described what she saw, “a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm. There was a yellow rose on each foot. Today is world day of prayer for the sick and housebound.

Feb 14

St Cyril & Methodius (ninth century)

These two Greek brothers were brilliant teachers, missionaries and are now patrons of Europe. Legend has it that Methodius in a feverish period of activity translated the whole bible into Slavonic in eight months.

Setbacks

Today’s Gospel tells us how **Jesus** surprised **Simon** (Peter) by climbing into his boat and going out a little from the shore to teach the people. Then Jesus made another surprising move by asking **Simon** to put out into the deep and lowering his net for a catch.

It is **Simon’s** trusting obedience that prompts the miraculous catch of fish. When we come with generosity to his service , **Jesus** accomplishes great things in us.

This is how **Jesus** deals with each of us: He asks us to welcome him into the boat of our life, to begin again with Him and set out on a new sea that turns out to be full of surprises. **Jesus’** invitation gives new meaning to our existence.

The greatest miracle accomplished by **Jesus** for Simon and the other tired fishermen is not so much the nets filled with fish, but to have helped them to not fall victim to disappointment and discouragement in the face of setback.

Pope Francis

Celebrating Marriage

All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this **Jubilee Year (5, 10, 15, 20, silver jubilee etc)** are invited to the vigil Mass next Saturday **February 15th**. for a special blessing. If you would like to be part of the celebration please let **Fr McGovern** or any member of the **PPC**, know before Friday.

Mary’s Meals – Thanks

The recent church gate collection came to **€347**. Thanks to all who contributed to the collection.

Pilgrimage to Rome

For further information phone **Myrian tours** at **057 9355050**. All the details are on the church notice boards at the church doors.

The Samaritans

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

