

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: Lou Tormey / Philomena & Patrick McEveney & Paddy Douglas / Elizabeth McVeigh & Michael McVeigh. **10.30am:** No special intention.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEK

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

Last weekend Collection: €1265. 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 7.00pm: Geraldine McVeigh. **10.30am:** Frank Quinn
E.Ms. – Vigil: Garry Hughes **10.30 am:** Sarah McCormack

Feast Days

Feb 10th

St Scholastica

A sister of St Benedict, Scholastica died about 543. She founded a monastery in Monte Cassino, south of Rome.

Feb 11th

Our Lady of Lourdes

On this day in 1858, Our Lady first appeared to the fourteen year old Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France. In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to be held on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Feb 14th

SS Cyril and Methodius (815-885)

Cyril and Methodius were brothers who lived in Thessalonica, Greece. In 1980 Pope John Paul II declared them Patrons of Europe.

Adoration

There is Eucharistic Adoration each Wednesday from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. All are welcome to this very special time of prayer.

Salt and Light

In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples "***You are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world.***"

Salt has an immediate influence; just a little is noticeable. Salt functions as a healing agent, however it stings before it heals. Christians are called to be salt not sugar and sweetness. Salt makes people thirsty and Christians make others thirsty for God through their faith. Salt must be used to be effective; to preserve and give flavour.

"***You are the light of the world***" Jesus said people do not light a lamp to put it under a basket – that would block it out.

Do not act be like the pharisee who thanks the Lord for his holiness. Everyday holiness means being salt and light for others.

Dave Brown

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting in the Parochial House on Monday evening at 8.00pm.

Senior Citizens

A social - get together for senior citizens in the parish, will be held in **Casey's lounge** on Sunday **Feb 15th** starting at 3.00pm. There will be food, music and a raffle for charity. .

Alzheimer Society

Monthly meeting on Thursday 11th at 7.00pm.in Earl St, Longford.

Shane Brennan 5K

When all expenses were paid, the run/walk raised **€8,000**. This sum will be divide among the three charities, Newtownforbes Community First Responders, Longford Sub Aqua and Lanesboro Sub Aqua.

Indoor Sports for over 50s

Longford badminton, table tennis and indoor bowls club meets every **Tuesday@ 11.00am.** in the Mall. Their motto is "***come for the sport and stay for the friendship***" **Info 083 026152.**

Samaritans

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

Alcoholics Anonymous : St Mel's Family Centre Meeting times – **Tuesdays & Thursdays** 1pm; **Wednesday** and **Saturday** at 8pm; **Sunday @ 11.30am**