

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *John & Brigid Campbell, Pat & Kathleen Reilly / Richard, Anne Mae & Margaret Gregg / Mary Elizabeth & John McVeigh.*

**10.30am** *Kathleen Stenson.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *Peg & John Houlihan 10.30am. Anne Duke / Frank & Angela Beirne & deceased family members.*

**Last weekend Collection: €1,658 .00. Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

**Readers—Vigil:** *Anne McCann*      **10.30am:** *Mary Ginty*

**E.Ms. Vigil:** *James Quinn*      **10.30am:** *Elizabeth Moore*

### Feast Days

**April 11<sup>th</sup>**      **St Stanislaus (1030-1079)**

*He was bishop of Krakow and is the patron saint of Poland.*

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**      **St Martin (Pope)**

### Confirmation

*On Friday, **Bishop Francis Duffy** is coming to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have 43 boys and girls for Confirmation this year. The ceremony starts at 3.00pm.*

### Trocaire

*So far this year's Trocaire collection has brought in **€2450**. There is probably some more to come in. Please have all donations in before **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. This is a very reputable charity helping people all over the world who are in dire straits. This year a 7 year old girl, named **Kumba** whose family lives in **Sierra Leone** is featured on the Trocaire box. **Kumba's** family was helped by Trocaire.*

## Forgiveness

Pope John Paul 11 once addressed an audience of Jewish people and asked for forgiveness from those whom Christians had harmed. It wasn't something easy that he was asking, but he did it out of conviction that when wrongs have been done, peace can come only through reconciliation. Forgiveness is something that is much needed in today's world.

There will always be things to forgive. Sins of oppression and injustice have not been eliminated and never will be. But since Christ has risen a new power is abroad in the world- the power to let go of resentment and to forgive. **To lay aside our pride and wounded feelings and to accept forgiveness from God and from one another.** And to forgive ourselves.

Sometimes the hardest one to forgive is actually ourselves. We all have done things in our past that we wish we hadn't done. We look back on things we should have done and failed to do. Long after God has forgiven us, we dredge up these failures and punish ourselves. Its time to stop and get on with our lives.

Today let us pray to Lord to help us be more forgiving and considerate of others and help us to forgive ourselves. **James DiGiacomo, SJ**

### Parish Pastoral Council

The April meeting of the PPC will be held in The Parochial House on Tuesday at 8.00pm.

### Parish Accounts

The parish accounts for 2017 have been audited. The good news is that the chief sources of income- the offertory collection and the shrine- are up slightly on last year. A copy of the audited accounts will be placed on the church notice board (side door) in the coming days.

### Tusla

Tusla is currently **recruiting foster families** to care for children of all ages, from birth to eighteen years. See poster on church notice boards for further details.

### Bingo

Bingo is on today in the Paddy Joe Murphy Hall at 3.00pm. The usual great prizes are on offer.