

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: Tommy Nevin & parents, Thomas & Bridget / Michael Warren.

10.30am: No special intention.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Mary & Peter Gallagher. **10.30am:** Mary McGrath.

Last weekend Collection: €795.00. *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: Anne McCann **10.30 am:** Andrew Hanley

E.Ms. - Vigil: Geraldine Halpin **10.30 am:** Liam Belton

Feast Days

Aug. 9th **St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)**

Born Jewish, Edith became a catholic in 1922 and became a Carmelite nun. She died in Auschwitz in 1942.

Aug.10th **St Lawrence (Deacon & Martyr)**

A deacon in the early church, St Lawrence is a patron of the poor. He was martyred in 258.

Aug.11th **St Clare (1194-1253)**

St Clare is a contemporary of St Francis of Assisi. She founded the Poor Clare order of nuns.

Aug.: 14th **St Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941)**

A Polish Franciscan priest, Maximilian died in Auschwitz sacrificing his life for a fellow prisoner.

Uphill struggle

Have you ever felt like giving up? **Elijah** certainly did. In today's first reading we meet a prophet who has had enough. He is fleeing from trouble and things seem so hopeless after a day's journey that he sits under a bush and begs **God** to take his life away. Life has a way of getting on top of us, such as when we are grieving a loss, when we are hurt by a friend, when illness strikes, or when we are simply exhausted. We experience the feelings described in the anonymous poem Don't Quit: *'when things go wrong as they sometimes will/when the road you're trudging seems all uphill...'*

At these times of struggle it is helpful to pause and to refuel for the journey. **Elijah** was visited by an angel who offered him comfort and respite, giving him the strength to carry on. In today's gospel, we hear **Jesus** again say that he is the living bread. Some people have been complaining about his teaching. Surely this is the son of **Joseph**, they say, demonstrating their lack understanding of who **Jesus** really is. Again, he explains that he is the bread of life- more than physical food, more than an ordinary man, he is the living bread and he is **God**. In all our struggles, especially when we feel like giving up, **Jesus** offers us nourishment for the journey. This gift is there for us especially in the eucharist, offering comfort and strength. **Triona Doherty - Intercom**

"The eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak"

Pope Francis

Confirmation

Bishop Francis has circulated all parishes with the following advice *"I believe it is important to follow official public health advice in relation to gatherings at this time. I am, therefore, asking all of our parishes to observe the current public health guidelines and to wait until the appropriate time to hold the celebration of Confirmation."* A date will be set in September.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Grainne O'Reilly**, Castle Inn, Newtownforbes and **Gerard Forde**, Carrigtowhell, Cork, who were married in **St Mary's Church, Newtownforbes** on Monday. We wish the newly weds every blessing in the times ahead.