

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00am Tues. 9.00am Wed. 9.00am Thurs. 9.00am Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Pat Walker / Margaret & Edward Donlon.*

10.30am: *Peter Murphy.*

Mon.: *Joe Nannery.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *No special intention. 10.30am.: Sean & Winnie Manning.*

Last weekend Collection: €1145. **Thank you.**

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: <i>Margaret Kilbane</i>	10.30am: <i>Anne Devlin</i>
E.Ms. Vigil: <i>Geraldine Halpin</i>	10.30am: <i>Michelle Ghee</i>

Feast Days

Sept. 9th **St Ciaran (Abbot of Clonmacnois)**

Born around 512, St Ciaran came to Clonmacnois in 545 where he founded a monastery which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe.

Sept. 14th **The Exaltation of the Cross**

Sept. 13th **St John Chrysostom (347-407)**

Mission Appeal

Holy Ghost Fathers mission appeal two weekends ago got a good response. A sum of €337 was collected on the day. An extra €550 came in last weekend bringing the total to €887. The Holy Ghost Fathers wish to thank to all who contributed.

Clonmacnois- Pilgrimage

The annual pilgrimage to Clonmacnois is on this Sunday. Ceremonies begin at 2.45pm.

What Should I Do?

‘The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable’

Book of Wisdom

In our lives we find ourselves dealing with complex situations that we could never have anticipated. Knowing what God is asking of us in these situations can be difficult. **We need time to reflect and pray.**

In this weekend’s gospel, Jesus tells two parables which emphasise the importance of sitting down and thinking something through, rather than rushing into something, and discovering too late that the wrong path has been taken. Jesus suggests in these parables that if we are to take the path that God wants us to take, we need to be reflective and prayerful about what we are doing. We need to turn to God’s son and ask him to fill us with his wisdom; we need to open our hearts to God’s spirit from on high.

Although we live in a world where self-sufficiency is highly valued, when it comes to our relationship with God, we are never self-sufficient. We are always beggars. If we are to discover the path that God is asking us to take, we will always need the help that God alone makes available to us.

The gospel reading suggests that the path that God calls us to take will often prove to be the more difficult one. **Jesus travelled that path and it brought him to the cross. It can be the same for us.** Doing the right thing may put ourselves at odds with family friends and peers. As we sometimes say **‘May God direct you’**

Martin Hogan

Newtownforbes Cardiac First Responders

The AGM is on Monday September 16th in the **Ralph Room** at 8.00pm.

Active Retirement

The Clonguish Active Retirement Group will resume meetings, after the summer break, in **Casey’s Bar** on Thursday 12th September, from 2.00pm-4.00pm. New members are always welcome.

Newtownforbes - Longford CCE

Classes commence on Saturday September 14th.

Pro-Life Meeting

In John Browne’s Bar, Longford, on Thursday Sept. 19th at 8.30pm.

