

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: *Margaret Larkin. 10.30am: No special intention.*

Mon.: 7.00pm: *Thomas McGinn.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Brendan & Carmel Forkan. 10.30am: Michael & Bernadette O'Reilly.*

Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Edward Regan**, Castle Glen. The funeral Mass was on **Wednesday**. We also pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Anne Cox**, Leitrim, Newtownforbes, whose funeral was on **Friday**. May they **Rest in Peace**.*

Last weekend Collection: €1,053.00. *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: *Clodagh McCann* **10.30 am:** *Laura Hussey*

E.Ms. - Vigil: *Garry Hughes* **10.30am:** *Liam Belton*

Feast Days

Jan. 9th

Baptism of the Lord

*Sunday next is the feast day of the **Baptism of the Lord**. Jesus is proclaimed **Messiah**, anointed with the **Holy Spirit** and goes about doing good working the signs that make him known as the **Servant of God**. Through baptism the Father looks on us with favour as He did **Jesus** at his baptism.*

Jan. 15th

St Ita

*Born of noble parents, **St Ita** founded a monastery in Co Limerick.*

Baptism

Many people experience moments which prove to be decisive turning points in their life. They reach a crossroads where they are confronted with radically different choices. They are forced to make a fundamental decision after which their life will never be the same again.

Jesus knew such moments in his life. Today's Gospel shows us one of the most decisive of these - his baptism by John in the **Jordan**. This was a turning point in his life. Prior to this he had lived the quiet and secure life of a village carpenter. But all the while he had been hearing a call to something more important. Then his cousin **John** began his work of preaching and baptizing people. Suddenly **Jesus** left his old way of life and opted for a new one - that of a spiritual teacher and preacher. From that moment on his life would never be the same.

Most of us have known moments that have proved turning points in our lives. However, the direction our lives have taken may not be the result of a major decision, but of a series of little decisions.

At our baptism we were pointed in a very specific direction. In baptism we become disciples of **Jesus**. We are called to fight against evil and to love one another. The ultimate question for a Christian is; Am I being true to the direction in which I was pointed at my baptism?

Fr Flor McCarthy S D B

Mass Readers

Please call to the sacristy to collect your **St Paul Sunday Missal** for 2022.

First Friday Visits

Since the pandemic started many who are vulnerable have followed the guidelines and have stayed away from large gatherings such as **Sunday Mass**, and have not received Holy Communion. If there are any who are not already on the First Friday list and would like to have the priest bring them Holy Communion, please let Fr McGovern know.

