

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 7.00pm. Tues. 9.00am Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 7.00pm.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Tommy Nevin & parents, Thomas & Brigid.

10.30am: Michael Warren. **Fri: 7.00pm** Mary & Peter Gallagher.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Hughie & Kitty Flynn.

10.30am: Elizabeth McVeigh / Mary McGrath.

Last weekend Collection: €1016.00. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: 10.30am:

E.Ms. Vigil: 10.30am:

Recent Baptisms

We welcomed into the Christian family recently (1) **Antonio Robert Berousek**, Clonguish Court (2) **Lucia Margaret Hannify**, Cartrons and (3) **Leah Danielle Brough**, Tarmonbarry / Leitrim. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and their parents and family.

Feast Days

Aug.10th St Lawrence (Deacon & Martyr)

He died in 258. He is a patron saint of the poor and of cooks.

Aug.11th St Clare (1141-1253)

St Clare, a contemporary of St Francis of Assisi founded the **Poor Clare Sisters**.

Aug.14th St Maximilian Kolbe (1884-1941)

He was a **Franciscan** who died in **Auschwitz** sacrificing his life so that another prisoner could go free.

Aug.15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses for the feast of the Assumption: **Fri.** 7.00pm **Sat.:** 10.30am.

Sinking Feeling

The image of **Peter**, in today's gospel, sinking beneath the waves can perhaps speak to us in a variety of ways. We have all known our own version of that sinking feeling. We start out on some journey, some enterprise, with great enthusiasm, and before long we reach the point where problems begin to overwhelm us. When **Peter** reached that point, his immediate response was to pray. '**Lord, save me!**' is the prayer of a desperate person. It is the prayer of all of us from time to time. **Peter** realized that he needed help from outside himself if he was to survive, and he knew that such help could and would come from the **Lord**.

In our own desperate situations, we can find ourselves resorting to prayer, the kind of prayer that **Peter** prayed, '**Lord, save me!**' Even if we do not have the habit of regular prayer, we will reach for that prayer of **Peter** when we sense that we are falling beneath the waves. We can be assured that we will receive the same response from Jesus that **Peter** received, '**Jesus put out his hand at once and held him.**' The prayer of the desperate person does not go unanswered. When we cannot hold ourselves, the Lord will hold us if we reach out towards him.

Fr Martin Hogan

Tax Relief for Donations to Eligible Charities

Most people in the parish are aware that if you donate **€250** or more to the parish in the course of the year, through the weekly and the Dues envelope the parish can claim back a percentage of it. This is a big source of income for the parish each year. If you got a form to sign please do so and return it to the Parochial House. Most people are already signed in and have not received this form.

Thanks

Thanks to all the parishoners who have been returned the weekly, Easter dues and Pentecost dues envelopes over the last few months, through the letterbox. Your contributions are always welcome at all times. Thank you.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings take place every **Tues.** and **Thurs.** at 1.00pm and each **Sunday** at **11.30am.** in the **Family Centre, St Mel's Road,** Longford. Anyone who feels the need to attend is most welcome

