

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: No special intention. **10.30am:** Betty Neary / John Kane (Month's memory)

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEK

Vigil: No special intention. **10.30am:** Hugh Connolly.

Last weekend Collection: €845. 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.** Frank Quinn

E.Ms. – Vigil: Al Yorke **10.30 am.** Michelle Ghee

Feast Days

Aug. 1st St Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787)

St Alphonsus is the founder of the Redemptorist religious order.

Aug. 4th St John Vianney (1786-1859)

St John Vianney is known as the Cure Ars. Ars is a remote village in France. He is the patron saint of priests.

Aug. 6th The Transfiguration

At the Transfiguration Christ showed his disciples the splendor of his beauty, to which he will shape and colour all those who are his.

First Friday

The usual house calls will be done at the usual times.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association: A meeting of the **Pioneers** will take place in **St Pauls, Connolly Barracks, Longford**, on **Wednesday August 3rd at 8.00pm**

Sharing and Careing

The farmer in the gospel story this weekend had the kind of problem that any farmer would love to have. His harvest was so good that his barns needed to be enlarged. Who can blame for his reaction? “Relax! Eat heartily, drink well, enjoy yourself.

The author of the first reading feels sorry for him. Why? Because in the words of the well known saying, ***You can't take it with you.*** When he dies the result of all his work and planning and anxiety will be gone, passed on to someone else. What's wrong with eating drinking and enjoying oneself? Is God a kill joy? No, God criticizes him not for anything he does but for what he doesn't do. Listen to him. Its all about ***me me me.*** I got it made. I can enjoy myself. We hear nothing about anyone else in his life. Nothing about sharing his good fortune with others. He sounds utterly self absorbed, locked up in his own little world in which no one but him seems to matter.

We all must strive not to get too wrapped up in ourselves. Jesus assures us that if we reach out to others in an unselfish way we will be rich in the sight of God, and that's something you can take with you.

Fr James DiGiacomo SJ

Eucharistic Ministers

A new eucharistic ministers rota will be going out this week including our newly commissioned eucharistic ministers. **The commissioning will take place at the vigil Mass next weekend.** We are very grateful to those who after many years of service to the parish are making way for others to take on this important ministry.

Tax relief Scheme

This applies to those who have paid **€250** or more to the parish in the calendar year. If you got a form recently please fill it in and return it to the **Parochial House** or drop it in a **basket** in the church.

