

CLONGUISSH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Tues: 7.00pm Wed: 9.00am Thurs: 9.00am Fri: 7.00pm.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Berney Crossan / Maura and Jim McCann and their son Shane.*

10.30am. *Marie Heavey / Teresa Tubridy. (Months Memory).*

Tues: 7.00pm. *James and Mary Reynolds and son Jimmy.*

Fri: 7.00pm. *Anthony Feeney.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Tommy Williams. 10.30am. Jim Conlon / Arthur McKiernan.*

Last weekend Collection €1,705. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: *Geraldine McVeigh 10.30am. Fionuala Carthy*

E.Ms. Vigil: *James Quinn 10.30am. Joann Quinn*

Jan. 24th

St Francis de Sales (1567—1622)

Francis was Bishop of Geneva and founder of the Visitation Sisters religion order. He helped to re-build the church after the reformation.

Jan 25th

The conversion of St Paul

St Paul's conversion happened suddenly on the road to Damascus.

Jan 26th

Sts Timothy and Titus

Both lived at the time of St Paul and are associated with the town of Ephesus.

Jan 28th

St Thomas Aquinas (1225—1274)

One of the stand out theologians in the history of the church.

Do this in Memory

We welcome the boys and girls to the first "Do this in Memory" Vigil Mass of 2017.

The Choice Is Ours

You may have heard this story before: 'An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. "A battle is going on inside all of us," he said to the boy "It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is **evil** – anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego. The other is **good**—joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. This same fight is going on inside **you** – and every other person, too." The grandson through about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "**The one you feed.**"

In a way, it is as simple as that. Each one of us faces hundreds of choices every day. Mostly, they are minor decisions that may not seem important at the time. But they all add up to something. They make us the person we are. Do our choices make us the kind of person who follow Jesus, or the kind of person who goes in the opposite direction?

We can stay stuck where we are, repeating the same old patterns, or we can leave it all behind and choose a new path, like **Peter, Andrew, James, and John** did. They were called and they took decisive action. This initial choice to follow Jesus was reinforced and remade, day in and day out, during their discipleship journey, just as it is on ours.

Triona Doherty (Intercom Magazine).

Ministry of Parish Catechist and of Permanent Deacons

Further information on the Ministry of Parish Catechist is available from Fr Nigel Charles, Boherquill, Lismacaffrey, Co Westmeath. 043 668 5847, Further information on the Order of Deacon is available from Fr Aidan Ryan, Ballinahown, Athlone, Co. Westmeath 090 643 0124. Also at the following website: www.vocation.ie

Scoil Mhuire Enrolment

Scoil Mhuire Newtownforbes is now (**Jan. 16th - Feb. 3rd**) enrolling pupils for September 2017. Please contact the school for an enrolment form. Tel: 043—3345220.

Stations of the Cross

Would those who contributed financially to the refurbishment of the Stations of the Cross when the church was renovated in 2009 please contact Fr McGovern.