

## CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Gerry McCauley / Josie Conboy / Eugene Prunty.*

10.30am : *No special intention.* Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.00pm: *John Gregg.*

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm: *Brigid Vaughan.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm: *Lou Tormey / Patrick McEveney & Paddy Douglas / Elizabeth McVeigh & Michael McVeigh.*

**Last weekend Collection: €920. 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 7.00pm: *Anne McCann.* 10.30am: *Anne Devlin.*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Martin Ross.* 10.30 am: *Elizabeth Moore.*

### Feast Days

#### Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> The Presentation of the Lord

As **Jesus** was being presented in the **Temple** by his parents, **Simeon** proclaimed Jesus as “**a light to reveal God to the nation**”. Today is **Candlemas Day**. Candles will be blessed before the 7.00pm Mass.

#### Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> St Blaise (martyr)

He is associated with the city of **Dubrovnik**, Croatia, where there is a Basilica in his honour. He died a martyr in 316. **Throats will be blessed after Mass on Tuesday**. A blessing is a sign of our faith in God’s protection, and love for us and for the sick.

#### Feb 7<sup>th</sup> St Mel

As we know, **St Mel** is the patron saint of our diocese. It is believed he was a **Briton** who came to Ireland with **St Patrick**. He is one of the earliest Irish saints. **He died in 488.**

## Saint Brigid

Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born around 454. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her life to **God**. She received spiritual formation probably from **St Mel in Ardagh, Co Longford** and stayed in **Ardagh** for a period of time. Other women followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in **Kildare**.

She died in 524 and her cult is widespread not only throughout Ireland but in several **European** countries. The **St Brigid’s cross**, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God’s protection.

### Senior Citizens

A social - get together for senior citizens in the parish, organized by the **Parish Pastoral Council** will be held in **Casey’s lounge** on Sunday Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. starting at 3.00pm. There will be food, music and a raffle for charity. More details next week.

### First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday. The usual house calls will be done at the usual times. Fr McGovern is only too willing to take Holy Communion to anyone who is housebound. Just let him know.

### Active Retirement Club

The club resumes after the Christmas break on **Thursday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>** at 2.00pm. in **Casey’s lounge**. New members are always welcome.

### Indoor Sports for over 50s

Longford badminton, table tennis and indoor bowls club meets every **Tuesday@ 11.00am.** in the Mall. Their motto is “**come for the sport and stay for the friendship**” **Info 083 026152.**

### Adoration

There is Eucharistic Adoration each **Wednesday** from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. All are welcome to this very special time of prayer.

### Samaritans

Their free to call Confidential Line number is **116 123**. This is a twenty four hour service.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

St Mel’s Family Centre Meeting times – **Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 1pm; Wednesday and Saturday at 8pm; Sunday @ 11.30am**