

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Fri. 7.00pm.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

No anniversary Masses Easter Weekend

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: John & Brigid Campbell, Pat & Kathleen Reilly / Richard, Anne Mae & Margaret Gregg. **10.30am** Kathleen Stenson. **Fri. 7.00pm.** Oliver McNamee & deceased family members.

Last weekend Collection: €1,358 .00. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Margaret Kilbane	10.30am: Patricia Keenan
E.Ms. Vigil:	10.30am: Patricia Donegan

Feast Days

April 4th St Isidore (560-636)

He was bishop of Saville, Spain.

World Meeting of Families Collection

*The collection raised €1300.00. Thanks to all who contributed. Now we know that **Pope Francis** will be in **Dublin** the weekend August 25/26 and will celebrate the concluding Mass for the **World Meeting of Families** in the **Phoenix Park**. Those hoping to attend this **Mass** must have a ticket. Check the **World Meeting of Families** web site.*

Easter Thanks

*Thanks to all who helped with the celebration of **Holy Week** and **Easter**. A very special word of thanks to the cast of the **Passion Play** and the director **Evelyn**. It was a very special experience. Thanks to all.*

First Friday: Friday next is the First Friday. The usual house calls will be done at the usual times

Roll Away the Stone

Today we celebrate the high point of the Christian calendar, Easter. The gospel tells us that Mary Magdalen is the first witness to the resurrection. “It was still dark...” when Mary went to the tomb but it was also the ‘first day of the week’, a new beginning. **We might recall times in our lives that everything seemed so dark, where we felt there was no light at the end of the tunnel.**

Whatever our dark experiences may be, we revisit them, going to the tomb as usual. And then we realise that something has changed, the stone has been rolled away. Let the stone and linen cloths in the gospel represent all that keeps us captive, emotionally, physically and spiritually, in our struggles in life. However big that stone may be, our faith in the resurrection of Jesus tells us that this stone can be removed. Think of all the situations in the world which need transformation, the homeless crisis, the violence in the world, our own sorrow. The Easter gospel tells us that these situations can be transformed, even though it is often a painful journey.

Jane Mellet

Jesus you are with us. Keep us ever mindful of how you are a part of our lives in a deep and profound way. Surprise us with a touch of your love in places where we never thought that we would find you.

Joyce Rupp

Mission Appeal

Missionaries of Africa, also known as the **White Fathers**, mission appeal- collection came to **€1040**. The Order wishes to thank all who contributed.

Tusla

Tusla is currently **recruiting foster families** to care for children of all ages, from birth to eighteen years. See poster on church notice boards for further details.

Clonguish GAA - 5K

The run is on today (**Sunday**) at 12.00 noon. It will be run over the Shane Brennan course (Curryline), finishing with a lap of the gravel track around the playing fields.