

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Margaret Larkin (Month's memory)

10.30am: Paddy & Bridie McGowan & Fr. Padraig McGowan / Arthur McKiernan. **Wed.:** 9.00am. Laurence & Alice Lockwood

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Agnes O'Brien. **10.30am** Michael Byrne.

Last weekend Collection: €1235 .00. **Thank you.**

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Clodagh McCann **10.30am:** Mary Ginty
E.Ms. Vigil: Al Yorke **10.30am:** Joanne Quinn

Feast Days

Feb. 14th

Ash Wednesday

*Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the 9.00am & 7.00pm Masses. Today is also **St Valentine's Day**. The last time the two days coincided was in 1945.*

Feb. 14th

Ss Cyril & Methodius

*Brothers who lived in Thessalonica, Greece in the ninth century. **Pope John Paul** declared them Patrons of Europe in 1980.*

Feb. 17th

St Fintan

He founded a monastery in Co Laois. He died in 603.

Baptism

*We welcomed **Indie Rose Gallagher**, Leitrim, NTF, into the Christian community Saturday. We pray God's Blessing on the newly baptized and on her family.*

Station Mass: Any family wishing to host a Station Mass during Lent or Easter Time (End of May) please contact Fr McGovern

Touch

Today's gospel says that Jesus reached out and touched the leper. Outside the context of family and friends, we have to be careful with touch nowadays. In particular, many of us are much more hesitant to touch children than we might have been in the past. We know that touch can mean many things. It can be self-serving as well as serving of others. **It can be harmful as well as helpful.**

In the culture of his time, Jesus seemed to be remarkably free when it came to touch. In last Sunday's gospel, he took **Peter's mother in law** by the hand and lifted her up; he also takes **Jairus'** daughter by the hand and he takes children up in his arms and lays his hands on them.

We are hesitant when it comes to touch because we know of what we are made. **Jesus** had no need to be hesitant. His touch was always deeply respectful and lifegiving. Jesus shows us a **God** who recognizes our infinite value and worth and relates to us accordingly.

Martin Hogan

Commitment Ceremony

The boys & girls celebrating their **Confirmation** this year are having their Commitment Ceremony at the **10.30am Mass** today.

Community Employment Scheme

There is a vacancy on the NTF / **Killoe** Community Employment Scheme. Please contact your local Service /Intro Employment Office to check your eligibility, or **Tony Mahon**, EDI Center. Longford.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Brendan McVeigh**, Leitrim, NTF, and **Kelley Doolan** who were married in St Mary's Church, Ferbane, Co Offaly on Saturday last. We wish the newly-weds every blessing.

Clonguish Og- G A A

Registration for **Clonguish Og** for 2018 will be held in the **Ralph Room** on **Mon. Feb. 5th** from 7.00pm to 8.00pm and on **Mon. Feb. 12** from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Further info. **086 0401378**.

Casa (Caring & Sharing Assoc.)

Church gate collection will be taken up next weekend.

Bingo: Bingo is on today at 3.00pm. with the usual great prizes on offer.

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