

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm. Tues 10.30am. Wed 9.00am. Thurs 9.00am. Fri 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: Micheal & May McGuinness. **10.30am:** Michael & Mae Barden, their daughter Rose Mary & their sons Declan & Patrick / James & Margaret Byrne.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.30pm: John & Phyllis Clarke. **10.30am:** No special intention.

Rest in Peace

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Frank McNally**, Castle Gardens, whose funeral was on Sunday. May he **Rest in Peace**.

Last weekend Collection: €1073 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 Marie Williams. 10.30am: Anne Devlin

E.Ms : Vigil: Cathy Murphy 10.30 am: Michelle Feeney.

St Patrick's Day: Vigil ;Geraldine McVeigh 10.30.am: Patricia O'Brien

E.Ms. Garry Hughes 10.30am: Sarah McCormack

Feast Days

Mar. 17th

St Patrick (415 – 493)

Our patron saints feast is on **Tuesday**. There will be a vigil Mass on **Monday at 7.00pm** and Mass on **St Patrick's Day** will be at **10.30am**.

Mar 19th

St Joseph

"He was chosen by the eternal **Father** as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine **Son** and **Mary**, **Joseph's wife**"

St Bernadine of Sienna

Saint Patrick

St Patrick grew up in Roman Britain (Wales), the grandson of a priest. His early life seems to have been comfortable. Yet he describes himself in his book (Confessions), as someone who did not take his faith seriously. He was young, careless and spiritually half asleep, much like many of us at different points in our lives. All changed when at the age of sixteen he was captured and sent as a slave to Ireland. Now the young man had nothing to depend on but God. Here he prayed constantly, sometimes he says "*a hundred times a day*". After escaping back home. Patrick experienced a vivid dream in which he heard the voice of the Irish calling to *him 'to walk amongst us again'*

St Patrick is a reminder that God can transform even the most painful parts of our lives into channels of grace. He teaches us that **God** calls even those who feel lost, unworthy or unsure of themselves, most of all.

Trish Dennis

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community **Louie Jack Gannon**, Minard House, on Saturdat last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and his family.

Parish Hall – Community Hub

Plans have been approved by **Longford Co Co** to renovate and extend the existing **Parish Hall**, now known as the **Newtownforbes Community Hub**. Please take home the **handout** at the church doors outlining the plans for the new facility. To view a virtual model of the building search "**Newtownforbes Community Hub**" on **YouTube** and the **QR** code on the handout page.

Fleadh Cheoil – Newtownforbes

Co Longford Fleadh Cheoil will be staged in Newtownforbes from April 17th – 19th. More details later.

Samaritans

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

Happy Mother's Day