

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm. Thurs 9.00am. Fri 9.00am

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *No special intention.* 10.30am: *Frank Byrne.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *No special intention* 10.30am: *No special intention.*

Last weekend Collection: €1,185 *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: *Geraldine McVeigh.* 10.30am: *Patricia O'Brien.*

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

Feast Days.

June 20th

The Irish Martyrs

Seventeen Irish martyrs, men and women, cleric and lay put to death for the Catholic faith between 1579 and 1654 were beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1992. Among those martyred were Dermot Hurley, archbishop of Cashel, Conor O'Devany, bishop of Down and Conor. Both were hanged drawn and quartered.

June 21st

St Aloysius Gonzaga (1568-1591)

Aloysius Gonzaga was a Jesuit in Italy. In 1591 a plague struck Rome. The Jesuits opened a hospital there. Ignatius caught the plague and died there.

Cemetery Sunday

A reminder that Cemetery Sunday is being celebrated on Sunday June 29th. Mass will be celebrated in the cemetery at 12.00 noon.

The Most Holy Trinity

Today is Trinity Sunday, the day in which we reflect on the mystery of God as a trinity of persons, **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Pope Francis, on the final page of his autobiography, **Hope**, published just before his death, reflects on the mystery of **God.** He says, “a young university student once asked me, I have many university friends who are agnostic or atheists, what must I say to them to become Christians? Nothing” I said. “The last thing you must do is speak. First you must do and someone will see how you live, how you conduct your life and will ask, why are you doing it ? at that point you can speak. Also leave space for doubt – this too is an important key”.

He also says “It is no good a person saying I have total certainty. If someone has the answers to all the questions, this is proof that God is not with them. It means that they are false prophets, someone who exploits religion, who uses it for themselves. The great guides of God's people, like **Moses**, always left space for doubt”. He goes on “*We need to be humble, to leave space for the Lord, not for our false securities*”. Some food for thought from the late **Pope Francis.**

Bus to Knock

Sunday **June 22**, a bus will leave from **St Mel's** old car park, Longford to Knock for **Sacred Heart Crusade** celebrations.

Time : 9.00am.

Alive – Thanks

The church gate collection last weekend came to **€150.** Thanks to all who contributed.

Samaritans

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

