

## CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Mon Tues Thurs Fri**

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND**

**Vigil 7.00pm:** *Christy, Winnie & Johnnie Hannify.* **10.30am:** *Ned Stokes.*

**ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND**

**Vigil 7.00pm;** *Bridget McGee.*

**10.30am:** *Vincent, Anna Rose Reilly.*

**Last weekend Collection: €917 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:** *Garry Hughes.* **10.30am:** *Sarah McCormack.*

**E.Ms : Vigil:** *Geraldine McVeigh.* **10.30am:** *Anne O'Brien.*

### Feast Days

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**St Mel's Cathedral**

*Today is the anniversary of the solemn consecration of St Mel's cathedral in 1893. The foundation stone was laid on May 19<sup>th</sup> 1840 by Bishop William Higgins. After the fire on Christmas eve 2009, the cathedral was formally re-dedicated on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 by Archbishop Francis Duffy.*

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**St Rita of Corsica (1381-1457)**

*Rita of Corsica was a wife, mother, widow and a member of a religious community. Her holiness was reflected in each phase of her life. Beatified in 1626, Rita was canonized in 1900. Many people visit her tomb each year.*

### Priests Retreat

The annual retreat for the priests of the diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois is on next week starting on Sunday evening. In **Knock**. Should a priest be required please call **(043) 3346465**.

## The Ascension

**Leonardo de Vinci** who was born in 1452 was an Italian painter and sculptor. One day while working on a large canvas in his studio he suddenly stopped. Summoning one of his talented students, **Leonardo** invited him to complete the work. The student protested that he was not worthy and unable to complete the great painting the master had begun. But **de Vinci** spoke to the student and said, *'will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?'*

**Jesus** our Master began to spread the **Good News** over two thousand years ago by what he said and did and most of all by what he suffered. **Jesus** illustrated his message and left us to finish the picture. Shouldn't **Jesus'** life not inspire us to finish the work he begun. This is the message of the **Ascension**.

As Saint **Teresa of Avila**, a Carmelite nun once wrote *"Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours.... Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world."*

### St Mel's Concert

**The Longford County Choir** presents **Vivaldi's Gloria** and coral favourites with local soloists, **Maria Matthews, Eimear Reynolds** and **Breen McGee** in St Mel's Cathedral on **Sunday next 7.30pm**. Tickets cost **€15** and can be had from **Dennistons, Farrells** stationary or any choir member & at the door.

### Tax Relief

Tax relief forms have gone out to those who have contributed **€250** or more to the parish in the past year. Please sign the form with **PPS** number and return it to the **Parochial House**. Not everyone gets the form this time, especially if you have signed other years. This scheme is a very valuable fund raiser for the parish each year.

