

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00pm. Tues 9.00am Fri 9.00am.

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Phil Gallogly / Tommy and Kathleen Allen.*

10.30am: *No special intention.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Eilish Mulligan* 10.30am: *Mary Beirne.*

**Last weekend Collection: €1515.** *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 McCann.* 10.30am: *Frank Quinn*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Carmel O'Shea* 10.30 am: *Bernie Reilly.*

### Feast Days

Aug 21<sup>st</sup>

**Pius X (1835-1914) Pope**

*Pius X was deeply affected by the outbreak of World War 1. He said "This is the last affliction the Lord has visited upon me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor people from this ghastly scourge"*

Aug 22

**The Queenship of Mary**

*This feast day was established in 1954. The feast is a logical follow up to the Assumption and is celebrated on the octave day of that feast.*

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>

**St Rose of Lima (1586-1617)**

### Wedding Bells

*Congratulations and best wishes to **Maeve Quinn**, Drimure, and **Paul Guckian**, Kiltoghert, Carrick on Shannon who were married in **St Mary's church**, Newtownforbes on **Saturday**. We wish the newly weds every blessing in the times ahead.*

## Not Peace at any Price

In today's Gospel reading **Jesus** tells us that he has come not to establish peace on earth but rather for division. This is a surprise. He also said "*Peace I leave you, my peace I give you*" What are we to make of all this?

Peace means different things to different people. To some, peace means that everything is quiet, there are no disturbances, law and order prevail. This may be signs of real peace, but maybe not. Underneath the surface there may be injustice, racism, sexism, economic exploitation, religious discrimination, and many other kinds of oppression. People can get into trouble in some countries for protesting against such abuses.

The command to love our neighbour obliges us to protest against mistreatment and to work for justice. That can cause division. It can even get people thrown into jail. As Christians we cannot settle for peace at any price.

**James Di Giacomo SJ**

### Knock Novena (National Novena)

The annual **Knock Novena** continues to its conclusion on **Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup>**. There are two celebrations each day, at **3.00pm** and **8.00pm**.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock - Bus

The annual pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday **September 7<sup>th</sup>**, starting with the anointing of the sick at 2.30pm. Concelebrated **Mass** is at 3.00pm. **Bus** leaves Ballymahon St at 10.30am. **Fare €15**. To book a seat call 043 3346465

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

A reminder; **adoration** each **Wednesday** in the church from **7.00pm – 8.00pm**.

### Samaritans :

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