

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Fri 7.00pm.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm : *Bernie Crossan / Carmel & Brendan Forkan.*

10.30am : *Michael Barden. Fri : 7.00pm: John Sorohan.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm: *Tommy Williams / Karen Curran.*

10.30am : *Teresa Murphy, Michael & Annie Murphy.*

Last weekend Collection: €1800. 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: *Clodagh McCann. 10.30am: Laura Hussey.*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Al Yorke. 10.30 am: Michelle Ghee.*

Feast Days

Jan. 21st

St Agnes

St Agnes has been described as wealthy and beautiful. She was martyred in Rome in the fourth century. She is the patron of engaged couples and gardeners!. The daughter of the emperor Constantine built a basilica in her honour.

Jan. 24th

St Francis de Sales (1567-122)

His father wanted Francis to be a lawyer. Instead he entered the seminary and at the young age of 35 he became Archbishop of Geneva. He was a renowned teacher and preacher. He used to say “ a spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar”

Readers

Please call to the sacristy to collect the St Paul Sunday missal for 2026.

Right Direction

Most of us can think of people who, in the course of our lives, pointed us in the right direction. These were people who could see that little bit more clearly than we could at that time. We all need good guides from time to time, we need people who can point the way for us, people who in the words of St Paul's letter to the Philippians, can direct us towards, '**whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable**' It is true that sometimes we can react negatively to people who come across as knowing what is best for us, who take it on themselves to tell us what to do.

Today we give thanks for all the **John the Baptist** figures (today's Gospel) that we have encountered in the course of our lives. We thank **God** for all those who were concerned enough about us to share something of their vision with us, and who remained loyal to us when we may have failed to take the path they pointed out to us.

Martin Hogan

Commitment Ceremony

We welcome the boys and girls preparing for their **Confirmation** and their families to their Commitment ceremony today (Sunday) Confirmation is on **Thursday March 5th** at **3.00pm**. Today the children are also encouraged to think about taking the **Pledge** (many have) and talk about it at home. The **Pledge** means taking no alcoholic drink until they are **18**, and staying drug free at all times.

Adoration

There is Eucharistic Adoration each **Wednesday** from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. All are welcome to this very special time of prayer.

Samaritans

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

St Mel's Family Centre Meeting times – **Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 1pm; Wednesday and Saturday at 8pm; Sunday @ 11.30am**