

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETT

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

**Mon.** 7.00pm. **Tues** 9.00am. **Thurs.** 9.00am. **Fri.** 9.00am.

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**Vigil:** *Pat & Margret McCormack / Hugh Shannon (month's memory) Elizabeth McVeigh (month's memory) / Bernard, Catherine & Eileen Rudden.* **10.30am:** No special intention. **Mon. 7.00pm.** Special intention. **Tues. 9.00am:** Laurence Lockwood.

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

*Feast of the Nativity: No special intentions.*

### Masses for the week after Christmas

**Mon.** 10.00am.: *Anne Prunty-Killian.* **Tues.** 10.00am: *Margaret & James Byrne.* **Thurs:** 10.00am. **Fri.:** 7.00pm. *Hugh Quinn.*

**New Year's Eve: Vigil:** No special intention.

**New Year's Day** 10.30am: No special intention.

**Last weekend Collection: €875 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 (Christmas)

**Readers – Vigil:** *Clodagh McCann* **11.00 am.** *Anne Devlin.*

**E.Ms. – Vigil:** *Carmel O'Shea/Martin Ross.* **11.00am.** *Bernie Reilly/Elizabeth Moore.*

### Christmas Penance Services

*There will be a Penance Service on **Tuesday** at 7.00pm and also in **Ennybegs** on **Monday** at 7.40pm and **Drumlish** on **Wednesday** at 7.00pm.*

### A Christmas Vision

If I decorate my house perfectly with streamers, twinkly lights and shiny balls but do not show love to my family, I am just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of mince pies, and arranging a beautiful adorned table, but do not show love to my family, I am just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, sing carols in the church and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family it profits me nothing.

If I decorate the tree with fairy lights and attend a myriad of pre- Christmas parties but do not focus on **Christ**, I have missed the point.

**Love** stops the cooking to hug the child.

**Love** sets aside the decorating to listen to love ones.

**Love** is kind though harried and tired.

**Love** doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linen.

**Love** doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful that they are there to be in the way.

**Love** doesn't give to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't. The gift of love will endure.

(Author unknown) Based on 1 Corinthians 13.

**Christmas Mass Times: Vigil : Christmas Eve : 8.00pm.**

**Christmas Day: 9.00am & 11.00am.**

**County Longford Social Services:** The County Longford Social Services **church gate collection** will take place on this weekend **December 17/18.** Please support.

### County Choir

Longford Co. Choir is holding its annual Christmas concert in **St Mel's Cathedral** this Sunday at **7.00pm.** Donations optional at the door on the night.

