

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *Bernie Crossan / Carmel & Brendan Forkan / Ellen McManus*  
**10.30am** *Michael & Eilish Killeen*

**Mon.;** 7.00pm. *Sr Carmella McGoldrick (Months memory)*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil;** *Tommy Williams / Joseph Byrne*

**10.30am:** *Sr Immaculata, Sr Enda and Sr Theresa.*

**Last weekend Collection:** €1514 .00 **Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

**Readers—Vigil:** *Colleen McHale* **10.30am:** *Sean Devlin*  
**E.Ms.** **Vigil:** *Geraldine Halpin* **10.30am:** *Elizabeth Moore*

### **Feast Days**

**Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>** **St Francis de Sales (1567-1622)**

*A priest in the diocese of Geneva, Francis took seriously the words of Jesus, “Learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart” He said it took him twenty years to conquer his quick temper, but no one suspected he had such a problem, so good natured and kind was his usual way of acting.*

**Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>** **Conversion of St Paul**

*This dramatic event happened, as we know on the road to **Damascus**.*

**Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>** **Sts Timothy and Titus**

*Both were contemporaries of St Paul. Writing to **Timothy**, St Paul said “Stop drinking only water, but have a little wine for the sake of your stomach”!!(1 Timothy 5:23)*

**Eucharistic Minister’s Rota:** *Available, now, in the sacristy.*

### **The Call**

Today we reflect on Jesus’ call to the very first disciples as told by St Mark in his gospel. There is a simplicity to the scene where Jesus gathers his first disciples. He issues the invitation to follow him, and the fishermen respond with a resounding yes, leaving their nets, boats, and even their families behind, no questions asked.

In the opening chapters of Mark’s gospel everything happens ‘**at once**’ or immediately. There is a sense of urgency; the time has come the kingdom of God is near, and Jesus needs helpers to work alongside him. It is interesting that four of those who said yes to Jesus’ invitation were fishermen. Fishing allows for a lot of silence, time to think, great patience and respect for what lies beneath the surface. Fishermen know also how to cope with disappointment.

**Peter, Andrew, James and John’s response to Jesus’ invitation seems to have been instant, however, as fishermen they had plenty of time to reflect on what Jesus was about and make a thought-out response.**

Jesus asks the same of us, his modern-day disciples. We too are invited to respond to the call ‘**Follow me**’ It’s an invitation too good to turn down.

### **Church Unity Service**

The service for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is in St. Mel’s Cathedral on Monday at 8.00pm. The speaker is Mr. Andrew McHugh.

### **St Paul’s Sunday Missal**

Mass readers should call to the sacristy to collect their copy.

### **Senior Citizens Social**

The annual Senior Citizens social and get-together will be held in the **Castle Inn**, this Sunday. Starting at 3.00pm. Anyone needing transport please contact any member of the Parish Pastoral Council or Fr McGovern.

### **Irish Dancing**

Irish dancing classes resume in the **Ralph Room** every Friday at 6.30pm. Info. Contact Maureen at 086 3702719.

### **Life skills- Mindfulness Classes**

Family Center Longford, Monday Jan.29<sup>th</sup> @ 7.15pm. Info. 0862749493