

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

**Mon:** 9.00am. **Wed:** 9.00am. **Fri:** 7.00pm.

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil:** Eileen Quinn. / Pat and Maura Cooney.

**10.30am.** Brian & Patrick O'Keeffe / William Murphy and deceased family members. **Mon: 9.00am.** Brigid and Frank Grey.

**Fri: 7.00pm.** Owen and Bridie Kiernan.

## ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** Margaret O'Hara. (Months Memory). **10.30am.** Thomas Lyons.

**Rest in Peace:** Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Thomas Rock**, Clonbalt, Longford, whose funeral was on Wednesday. May he **Rest in Peace.**

Last weekend Collection's €1,455. Thank you.

## Next Weekend

**Readers—Vigil:** Anne McCann **10.30am.** Margot Gearty

**E.Ms. Vigil:** Anne Duke **10.30am.** Liam Belton

## **Feast Day**

**Nov 21<sup>st</sup>** **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>** **St Cecilia**—(She is the patron Saint of Musicians)

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>** **St Columban (Columbanus) (543—615)**

*An Irish Missionary in Europe, he established the famous monastery in Bobbio, Italy.*

**Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>** **Andrew Dung-Lac (Vietnamese Martyrs)**

## **Do This In Memory**

We welcome the boys and girls to week four of the Do this in Memory programme.

## **Merciful Like the Father**

In April 2015 Pope Francis announced that 2016 would be a Jubilee **Year of Mercy**. The Year of Mercy started on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 and draws to a close this weekend.

It was no surprise that Pope Francis chose **Mercy** as the theme for the Jubilee year. He has at all times tried to show God's Mercy throughout his ministry by visiting the refugees on the Island of Lampedusa in the Mediterranean and the prisoners in the Robiba Jail in Rome. **Mercy** is at the centre of his pontificate.

The logo for the year of **Mercy** shows the Good Shephard carrying home the lost sheep on his shoulders. As the Gospel says "Jesus came to seek out and save the host"

Throughout this year we have listened to St Luke's Gospel. It is the gospel of mercy. In it we see the **Mercy** of God in the story of the Prodigal Son. We also see that mercy extended to Zacchaeus, (the greedy little man) Mary Magdalene and to the repentant thief on the cross in today's gospel.

Although the year of **Mercy** may be drawing to a close, the **Mercy of God** is ongoing. It is at the heart of our faith.

It's worth recalling again the **Corporal Works of Mercy** as outlined in The Catechism of the Catholic Church: Feed the hungry, clothe the naked and house the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned and show respect for the dead.

## **Parish Catechist and Permanent Diaconate**

Further information is available on the Ministry of Parish Catechist and Permanent Diaconate. For information on **Parish Catechist** contact Fr Nigel Charles. Boherquill, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath at 043—6685847. For information on **Permanent Diaconate** contact Fr Aiden Ryan at 090—6430124.

## **Craft and Artisan Fair**

This Fair is on today (Sunday) from 11.00am—3.00pm, in the Paddy Joe Murphy Sport's Hall. The Fair is in aid of **Dyslexia Longford**, and **AMA, Ireland**. Please support.

## **Envelope Boxes**

The parish weekly envelope boxes for 2017 are ready for distribution.