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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: Eddie & Delia Kiernan & daughter Bernadette.

10.30am: No special intention.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: Rudy DeVincenzo & son Hugh. 10.30am: Biddy Ward.

Last weekend Collection: €850 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: Geraldine McVeigh. 10.30am: Fionuala Carthy. E.Ms. – Vigil: Martin Ross. 10.30 am: Elizabeth Moore.

Feast Days

July 22nd

St Mary Magdalene

Mary stood by the cross of **Jesus**; with two other womwn. She discovered the empty tomb; she was granted an appearance of the risen Lord. She has been described as 'the apostle to the apostles'

July 25th

St James (Apostle)

James, the son of **Zebedee** and brother of **John** (apostle & evangelist). He was put to death by **Herod** about the year **44AD**, being the first of the apostles to die a martyr's death. His shrine is at **Compostella** in **Spain**, where the well known **Camino** ends.

July 26th

Ss Joachim and Anne

Traditionally named parents of **Mary** and the grandparents of **Jesus**. Their feasts were celebrated separately until joined together in **1969**. **St Anne** is the patron saint of **Canada**.

Temperaments

The story of **Martha** and **Mary** shows us that people have different temperaments. Some people are dynamos of activity; others are naturely quiet. It is hard for the active person to understand the person who sits and thinks and contemplates. And the person who is devoted to quiet times is very apt to look down on the person who would rather be doing something. There is no right or wrong in this. God did not make everyone alike. One person may pray.....

"Lord of all pots and pans and things,
Since I have no time to be
A saint by doing lovely things,
Or watching late with thee,
Or dreaming in the dawnlight,
Or storming heavens gate,
Make me a saint by getting meals
And washing up the plates."

Another person may sit with folded hands but mind intense and think and pray, and both are serving God. God needs his **Marthas** and his **Marys** too. We need a sensitivity to people's needs at a particular time to get the balance life.

William Barclay

Croagh Patrick

Next Sunday (July 27th) is whats called 'Reek Sunday' the day of the National Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick. To book a seat on the bus leaving Longford (cathedral car park) at 5.25am, call 086 0405621 or 087 6613510.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The annual pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday **September 7th**, starting with the anointing of the sick at 2.30pm. Concelebrated Mass is at **3.00pm**.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

A reminder; **adoration** each **Wednesday** in the church from **7.– 8.00**pm. **Samaritans** - Their free to call Confidential Line number is **116 123.** This is a twenty four hour service.