

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm: *Deceased members of the McCann family / Michael & Liam Farrell. 10.30am:* *Moirá Connolly (Month's memory) / Ned Stokes & Biddy Ward.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Mary Ralph / Mary O'Malley / Brigid McGee. 10.30am:* *Dr Elaine Johnson / Vincent & Anna Rose Reilly.*

Last weekend Collection: €830 *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 : *Geraldine McVeigh 10.30 am. Frank Quinn*

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

Feast Days

May 25th St Gregory V11 (1020-1085, Pope)

Gregory became Pope at a very troubled time for the church.

Gregoey's papal letters stressed the role of the bishop of Rome (Pope) as the vicar of Christ and the visible centre of unity in the church.

First Holy Communion

*Congratulations to the 34 boys and girls celebrated their First Holy Communion today. May the **Body of Christ** be a source of spiritual strength for them throughout their lives.*

Some Hesitated

The Gospel for today's Mass, the feast of the **Ascension**, tells us that when the disciples met **Jesus** on the mountain where he had arranged to meet them "*they fell down before him, though some hesitated*" This could be a moment of disillusionment, but instead it should give us hope. Even among the eleven there were sceptics who held back their hundred percent support.

The good news for us is that hesitancy doesn't disqualify the disciples from the mission to spread the **Good News**. This message comes to us also. When we feel we can't pledge undying loyalty or total commitment, when we in our own way hesitate, we have a **Saviour** who understands – he has seen it all before, even in the the first eleven.

The people who make up the Church are far from perfect; they are sinners striving to do the will of the **Lord**. It is this flawed group that **Jesus** promises to be with until the end of time. We the church need to hear that reassuring promise again and again, especially in those times when as church we are aware that we are not yet all that the **Lord** is calling us to be.

Bernard Cotter P P

Bus to Knock

Saturday **June 3rd** is the date of the **Rosary Rally** in Knock. Bus leaves **Connolly barracks** at 10.00am.

Lough Derg- Bus

The pilgrimage season has begun. The one day retreats started on **May 1st**. The three day pilgrimages begins on **June 1st**. The **St Mel's pilgrimage** to Lough Derg is from June 23rd -25th. Bus leaves from **Connolly Barracks** at 9.00am. To book a seat call **087 6613510**.

Samaritans

Their free to call, **24 hour Confidential Line** is **116 123**.

