

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Fri 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Charlie & Chris Yorke / Margaret, Frank, Frankie & Paul Devine. 10.30am:* Gerard McGrath / Michael & Patrick Donegan, & deceased members of the Donegan & Brady Families.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: Nicola Murphy, Paddy Joe & Anne Murphy & their son Gerard / Michael & Frances Quinn. **10.30am:** No special intention.

Last weekend Collection: €1155 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: Anne McCann **10.30am:** Patricia O'Brien
E.Ms. – Vigil: Carmel O'Shea **10.30 am:** Bernie Reilly

Feast Days

Sept. 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

According to one estimate, over 325 people since the time of Francis of Assisi have received the stigmata, that is all or some of the wounds of Christs' passion. Few of those stigmatics have had a more difficult life than Padre Pio. He had the stigmata on his hands, feet and side.

In 1946, ground was broken on nearby Mount Gargano for the "House of the Alleviation of Suffering," a 350 bed hospital financed by Padre Pio's benefactors.

Sept. 26th Ss Cosmas & Damien

Saints Cosmas and Damien were martyrs in Syria, in the early Church. They were referred to as "the moneyless ones". They never took money for their services!

Treasures of the Heart

St Ambrose, a 4th century Archbishop of Milan said: The bosoms of the poor, the houses of widows, the mouths of children are the barns that last forever. True wealth consists not in what we keep but in what we give away. Possessions are a great responsibility. The Lord expects us to use them wisely and responsibly and to put them at his service and the service of others. We are God's servants and all that we have belongs to him. He expects us to make a good return on what he gives us. (see today's Gospel)

God loves generosity and he gives liberally to those who share his gifts with others. The pharisees, however had no room for God or others in their hearts. The Gospel says they were lovers of money.

Love of money and wealth can crowd out love of God and love of neighbour.

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you as an adult (over 18), or someone you know, wish to become a Catholic- or are you already a baptized Catholic and would like to receive **First Holy Communion** or **Confirmation**? If so please call St Mels, parish office and leave details. Classes start in late October.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

A reminder: **adoration** each **Wednesday** from **7.00pm – 8.00pm.**

Samaritans

Their free to call Confidential Line number is **116 123**. This is a twenty four hour service.

The Samaritan confidential line needs **volunteers**. No experience or qualifications are needed. Training and support will be provided.

Email Athlone.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous

St Mel's Family Centre Meeting times – **Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 1pm; Wednesday and Saturday at 8pm; Sunday @ 11.30am.**