

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: Karen Curran. / John Quinn (Month's memory).

Sun. 10.30am: Michael & Eilis Killeen / Liam Egan & deceased family members. Mon. 7.00pm. Terese Murphy.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Tommy Williams. 10.30am: Mel Tighe.

Last weekend Collection: €675. *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 (Christmas)

Readers – Vigil: Clodagh McCann. 10.30 am. Laura Hussey.

E.Ms. – Vigil: Martin Ross. 10.30 am. Elizabeth Moore.

Feast Days

Jan. 24th

St Francis de Sales (1567-1622)

Bishop of Geneva, he helped to rebuild the Catholic church after the Reformation.

Jan. 25th

Conversion of St Paul

St Paul's dramatic conversion occurred on the road to **Domascus**. Out of a persecuter, **God** made him a teacher and preacher of the peoples.

Jan. 26th

Ss Timothy and Titus

Both were close to **St Paul** and helped him to spread the faith through **Ephesus** and **Crete**.

Jan. 28th

St Thomas Aquinas (1224-1274)

Born in **Italy**, Thomas Aquinas is one of the greatest theologians in the history of the church. He is patron of schools and universities.

Catholic Schools Week

Today, is the start of **Catholic Schools Week**. Every Catholic school seeks to help students along their journey in life, nurturing their gifts and talents. Each student is a reflection of God with the potential to make society a kinder and more just place for all. The Church is currently in the process of synodality, which literally means '**journeying together**'. This means that Catholics are called to come together and discern what the Holy Spirit is calling the Church to do and to be. This **Catholic Schools Week**, we celebrate the unique contribution our school makes to the lives of our pupils, community and church. As we travel together, may we always be inspired by the **Holy Spirit** to be all that **God** made us to be. May we walk together in faith and love.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is '**Catholic Schools: 'Walking together in Faith and Love'**'

New Altar Server

For the first time since **March 2020**, almost 3 years ago, we are delighted to welcome back **Altar Servers**. There are **19** new servers in total forming **5** teams. Before **Mass** the servers recite the following prayer, **Let us pray**;

God, Our Father, you have given us the privilege of serving at your altar. Help us to be attentive and reverent in Your House. May we always think of what we are doing and saying; may we listen to your word; and so may we give glory to you and be an example to others. Amen.

Welcome

On Sunday next the **Rev Simon Scott** will be installed as rector of **St John's** parish, Longford and **St Pauls, Newtownforbes**. The ceremony is at **3.30** in St John's church. We wish **Rev. Simon** every blessing in his new appointment.

