

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00am **Tues.** 9.00am **Wed.** 9.00am **Thurs** 9.00am **Fri** 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Margaret & Anthony Feeney / Elizabeth Byrne*

10.30am: *Eileen McGee*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *John & Bridget Ghee. 10.30am Elizabeth Neary*

Last weekend Collection: €1248 .00. **Thank you.**

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Geraldine McVeigh **10.30am.** *Anne Devlin*

E.Ms. Vigil: *Anne Duke* **10.30am.** *P J Bennett*

Feast Days

July 23rd **St Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373)**

St Bridget of Sweden is one of the Patron saints of Europe. A mother of eight children she devoted her life to her faith after her husband died.

July 24th **St Declan**

He is associated with Ardmore Co. Waterford.

July 25th **St James (Apostle)**

James is the brother of John the apostle and writer of the fourth gospel. James was one of the favoured three who had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus and the agony in the Gethsemani.

July 26th. **St Joachim and Anne**

Joachim and Anne are the parents of Mary: the grandparents of Jesus.

Croagh Patrick

*The annual pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick takes place as always on the last Sunday of July, Sunday 29th. **Bus in Newtownforbes at 5.30am.***

Crowds and Shepherds

The standout line in gospel this weekend is “**So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd and he set himself to teach them at some length**” We all need guidance and direction. We need to be loved and cherished. Its what we call pastoral care or shepherding to use a gospel phrase.

Next month we greet the chief shepherd of the Catholic Church as **Pope Francis** comes to **Dublin** It will be a momentous occasion, a once in a lifetime experience to see and hear from a Pope who has so much to say to us about sharing the gospel message in our world. He calls us to be **joyful Christians**, to reach out to the poor and abandoned, to be disciples in our families, communities and to help build a world that is true to Christ’s vision for this world.

Pope Francis is a leader (Shepherd) who inspires many. Whether you are travelling to hear the Pope or watching it at home we pray for the success of this extraordinary event.

Let us pray today for leaders in our church and in our communities, that they will inspire people, nurture people and listen to the spirit who guides us on this path.

Jane Mellett—Intercom Magazine.

Tax Relief Scheme

The certificates for the Tax Relief Scheme were sent out during the week gone by to those who have not already signed on. Please return the certificates as soon as you can. This scheme is a great source of income for the parish.

World Meeting of Families

It was announced that all the tickets for the **Papal Mass** in the **Phoenix Park** are gone, as are the tickets for **Knock**. One consolation for those that are disappointed is that the celebrations will get full coverage on national TV.

Irish Wheelchair Association

The Irish Wheelchair Association church gate collection will be held next weekend.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service

Longford Arms Hotel on **Tues., Wed., and Thursday** this week 4.30pm-8.30pm.

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