

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Thursday 9.00am Friday 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Vigil: Mary Mulfaul / Annie & Bertie Allen.

10.30am: Bill Keighran / Thomas & Mary McGinn.

Thurs. 9.00am: Rosemary O'Mara. **Fri. 9.00am:** Noel Conroy.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Deceased members of the Burke family / Christina & Ben Hughes / George McAvey & deceased family members.

10.30am: Hughie & Kitty Flynn.

Last weekend Collection: €. 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: Anne McCann **10.30 am.** Patricia O'Brien
E.Ms. – Vigil: Garry Hughes **10.30 am.** Sarah McCormack

Feast Days

Oct. 24th

St Anthony Claret (1807-1870)

He is known as '*the spiritual father of Cuba*' He was a Spanish missionary whose work took him to the *Canary islands, Cuba, Madrid and Paris*. In his spare time he worked as a weaver and designer in the textile mills of *Barcelona*.

Oct. 28th

St Simon & Jude (apostles)

These are two of the lesser known Apostles. Jude is named Thaddeus in the Gospel of *Matthew and Mark*.

Simon is called "*the Zealot*" an extreme Jewish nationalist sect.

Humble Prayer

Humility means seeing ourselves as we are in reality and that's what today's Gospel is about.

Jesus used parables like this one to shock people into reality. For generations the people of Jesus' time had been strictly adhering to **Jewish law** to assure their own salvation. The tax collector symbolized a lax Jew and one who co-operated with the hated Roman enemy. The idea that God could approve of a tax collector over a Pharisee was shocking.

The tax-collector's prayer, "*O God, be merciful to me a sinner*" expressed what Jesus had been teaching, but the Pharisees weren't hearing: salvation is God's gift, dependent solely on God's mercy. The tax collector had come to terms with this reality

In fact the tax collector's eight word prayer is one of the sources of the ancient **Jesus prayer** which originated in the **Middle Eastern** deserts in the earliest days of Christianity. To use this prayer, simply recite the words, "*Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner*" Repeating this prayer many times through the day can remind us of the reality that is most reassuring: **God's presence and mercy will see us through.**

Judy Hoelzeman

Help needed

We want to keep our church looking beautiful and clean. Can you help? If you would like to volunteer to join one of the teams please give your name to **Mary** (Sacristan) or **Fr McGovern**.

Adoration

Adoration on **Wednesday** evenings will be for **1 hour**, from **7.00pm to 8.00pm**. All are welcome to come and pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

