

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

**Mon. 9.00am. Tues. 9.00am Ash Wed. 9.00am & 7.00pm.**

**Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 9.00am.**

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *Joseph & Agnes O'Brien / Imy & John P Underwood.*

**10.30am.** *Betty Rogers and deceased members of the Rogers & Doherty families. / J P McGlynn / John Burke & Jim McDonald.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *Edward Carroll & deceased family members.*

**10.30am** *Mel Tighe (Months Memory).*

**Last weekend Collection: €1385. Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

<b>Readers—Vigil:</b> <i>Anne Marie Williams</i>	<b>10.30am:</b> <i>Confirmation class.</i>
<b>E.Ms. Vigil:</b> <i>Garry Hughes</i>	<b>10.30am:</b> <i>Michelle Ghee</i>

### **Feast Days**

**Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Ash Wednesday**

*Wednesday next is Ash Wednesday and the start of the season of Lent. There will be two Masses on the at 9.00am and 7.00pm and ashes will be distributed after each Mass. Wednesday is also a day of fast and abstinence. We are asked to abstain from meat and avail of one main meal and two smaller meals. St Peter Chrysologus says "Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. If we have not all three together, we have nothing".*

### **Baptism**

*We welcomed into the Christian Community, Daniel Chukwunonso Akude, Clonguish Court on Saturday last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and his family.*

**Commitment Ceremony: Sunday next at 10.30am Mass.**

## **The Power of Forgiveness**

**"Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars.**

**Darkness cannot drive out darkness;**

**Only light can do that. Hate cannot**

**Drive out hate; only love can do that."**

**Martin Luther King Jr**

But **Jesus** reminds us that everyone is human. All are children of God who **'causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good.'** While we clearly don't accept or excuse the terror and evil in the world, we cannot dehumanise those who carry out despicable actions, it is much easier said than done, but we must strive to meet hatred with love. With God there is always forgiveness; there is always hope.

**Triona Doherty Intercom Magazine**

### **Festival of Faith**

This Festival of Faith is on each **Thursday** in **St Mel's Cathedral** at 7.30pm for the next three weeks. This Thursday is a Mass of healing and the speaker at the Mass is **Fr Brian Shorthall** and the title of his talk is *"seeking to bring healing to mind and body"*

### **Alzheimer Café**

The next meeting of the Alzheimer Café is next Wednesday, in the Attic building, Ballinalee Rd, starting at 7.00pm. Guest speaker is Anne Griffin. Info. Call – 0858724475.

### **CASA (Caring and Sharing Association)**

The church gate collection raised **€407**. CASA says thanks to all who contributed.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

The dates are **May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The cost for the fully inclusive. Five nights is **€749**. To book please contact **Joe Walsh Tours**, 143 Lower Baggot Street Dublin 2. **Phone- 01 2410812.**

### **Blood Donors**

The next blood donation clinic is in the **Longford Arms Hotel** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4.30pm – 8.00pm.

