

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 7.00am. Tues 7.00pm Wed 9.00am Thurs 9.00am Fri 9.00am

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Tim Rafter / Paddy and Bridie Mahon.*

10.30am: *Ita Reilly / Jody Concannon.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *No special intention.*

10.30am : *Mary Connolly (months mind).*

Last weekend Collection: €1882 (including holiday) *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: *Liam Madden. 10.30am: Frank Quinn.*
E.Ms. – Vigil: *Al Yorke. 10.30 am: Michelle Ghee.*

Feast Days.

March 24th

St Macartan

St Macartan belongs to a very early generation of saints in Ireland and is recognized as the first Bishop of the diocese of Clogher (Mostly Co Monaghan). He was a faithful supporter of St Patrick in his work.

March 25th

The Annunciation of the Lord

'Giving her consent to become God's word, Mary becomes the mother of Jesus. She gave herself entirely to the person and the work of her son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependent on him, by God's grace' (CCC, 494)

Bear Fruit

St Francis of Assisi once invited a young friar to go with him into town to preach. Francis and the young friar spent all day walking through the streets and then came home. When the day's journey was done, the young friar was disappointed and asked Francis *'Weren't we supposed to preach today?'* Francis replied, *'Son, we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We were seen by many and our behaviour was noted, it is of no use walking anywhere to preach unless we preach anywhere as we walk!'*

He summed up his idea in these words **'Preach the Gospel everywhere, and if necessary, use words.'** To St Francis, witnessing to Jesus wasn't merely quoting some words out of the Bible from time to time but one who lives by the word of God each day.

First Confession

The boys and girls preparing for First Holy Communion will celebrate their First Confession on Thursday next at 7.00pm in the church.

Alzheimer Café

The next meeting is on **Wednesday March 26th** in Earl Street at **7.00pm**. The guest speaker is **Mary Mulvey**. The topic- *'Services and supports for older people'*

Lourdes Pilgrimage

The diocesan pilgrimage led by **Bishop Paul Connell** is from **May 30th to June 4th**. For booking and enquiries, call **Joe Walsh Tours** at **01 2410800**. Pilgrims who need special assistance should contact pilgrimage matron, **Margaret McDonnald** at **086 3918577**

The Samaritans

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

