

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 23rd 2026

Fr. Ciaran McGovern. Tel: 043-3346805

Website: www.clonguishparish.ie / eMail: clonguishparish@gmail.com

Web Cam: churchtv.ie/newtownforbes

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Eilish Mulligan* **10.30am:** *Hugh Connolly*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Peter Duignan (Month's memory) / Phil Gallogly*

10.30am: *William Kiernan (month's memory).*

Last weekend Collection: €2272. *(including holy day) 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 7.00pm: *Anne McCann* **10.30am:** *Sylvia Murtagh*

E.Ms : Vigil: 7.00pm: *Martin Ross* **10.30am:** *Elizabeth Moore*

Feast Days

Aug. 24th **St Bartholomew (Apostle)**

In the New Testament, Bartholomew is mentioned only in the list of the Apostles.

Aug. 27th **St Monica (332-387)**

Monica is the mother of St Augustine whose feast day is tomorrow. She converted her pagan husband, Patricius, to the faith, and by her prayers brought her son Augustine to the faith also.

Aug. 28th **St Augustine (354-430)**

The Augustinian religious order of which Pope Leo is a member was founded 1244. The Augustinians live by a rule laid down by St Augustine in the fifth century.

Aug. 29th **Beheading of John the Baptist**

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah.

The Kingdom

In giving the 'keys of the Kingdom' to Peter, (today's Gospel) we see that Jesus was willing to give enormous responsibility to human beings. He may have given special responsibility to Peter, but he also entrusted great responsibility to all his followers. In the **Our Father** we pray 'Thy Kingdom Come'. We, thereby, recognise that the coming of God's Kingdom (a Kingdom of truth, justice, love and peace) is primarily God's responsibility, yet there is a great deal in the Gospels to suggest that the coming of God's Kingdom is also our responsibility.

Jesus continues to trust us, with responsibility for the coming of God's Kingdom on earth. We are all he has. It's a job for flawed human beings, but he is with us to the end of time.

Martin Hogan

The Keys

In today's Gospel Jesus gives the 'keys of the Kingdom' to Peter. Closer to home, as part of the preparation for the transition starting in **September**, we need someone (or two) to **open** and **close** the church on **Saturdays** and **Sundays** Opening each day anytime before **9.30am** and closing anytime after **7.00pm**. If you can help, Contact Fr McGovern.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday **September 6th**, anointing of the sick- **2.30pm**, Mass - **3.00pm**. For bus info. call **043 3346465**.

Eucharistic Adoration-

Each **Wednesday**, for an hour from **7.00pm – 8.00pm**.

Samaritans

Their free to call Confidential Line is **116 123**. It's a 24 hour service.

Gamblers anonymous

Their phone numbers are **01 872113** and **087 2622804**.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings in Family Centre, Longford – **Tuesday** and **Thursday** 1.00, **Wed.** and **Sat.** 8.00pm. **Sunday** 11.30am.

