

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Tommy Williams / Karen Curran.*

10.30am : *Teresa Murphy, Michael & Annie Murphy.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEK

Vigil 7.00pm: *Gerry McCauley / Josie Conboy / Eugene Prunty.*

Sunday 10.30am : *No special intention.*

Last weekend Collection: €1620. 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: *Liam Madden.* 10.30am: *Patricia O'Brien.*

E.Ms. – Vigil: *Carmel O'Shea.* 10.30 am: *Bernie Reilly.*

Feast Days

Jan 26th

Sts Timothy & Titus

They were contemporaries of St Paul and accompanied him on his missionary journeys.

Jan 28th

St Thomas Aquinas (1224-1274)

One of the great theologians, he is patron of schools, universities and booksellers. Thomas abandoned his father's plans for him and joined the Dominicans in 1243. His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings.

Jan 31st

St John Bosco (1815-1888)

John was born in Piedmont, Italy in 1815. He founded the Salesian religious order to educate boys who were on the streets, specializing in shoe making and tailoring. He also published catechisms in language the children could understand.

Christ Our Light

We can all look back on times when we lost our way, maybe did things that we are ashamed of. We regret lost opportunities. And now we wonder *“How could I have been so blind? I was really in the dark then.”*

All the things that make the evening news and the next day's headlines make it painfully clear that there is a great darkness hovering over our world today. We live in the midst of war, the threat of war, terrorism, genocide and the manipulation of the internet to destroy peoples character.

Into this darkness comes the message of today's Gospel, *“The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light”*, What will dispel the darkness that hangs over the world today? It starts small... it starts with you and me... it starts with one person refusing to hate, resolving to forgive.... One person refusing to despairresolving to hope.

Today we thank **God** for all those who let their light shine for us, who brought us into the light of **Christ**, and we resolve to let our light so shine before others that they, too, may join us in giving glory to God.

James DiGiacomo S J

Candlemas Day

Candles will be blessed before Mass on Monday **February 2nd**, feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**.

Mary's Meals – Collection

Mary's Meals church gate collection is on next weekend, Jan 31st /Feb 1st. Please support.

Adoration

There is Eucharistic Adoration each **Wednesday** from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. All are welcome to this very special time of prayer.

Samaritans

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

St Mel's Family Centre Meeting times – **Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 1pm; Wednesday and Saturday at 8pm; Sunday @ 11.30am**