

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: Peter Watters 10.30am: No special intention.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: Daniel Hopkins 10.30am: No special special intention.

Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Paul Byrne**, Lamagh, whose funeral was on **Monday** ; also **David McDowell**, Lismoy House, whose funeral was on **Thursday**, in **St Paul's** church. May they **Rest in Peace**.*

Last weekend Collection: € 775 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:** *Anne Devlin*

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

Feast Days

May 10th Blessed Damien of Moloki (1840- 18890)

*Fr Damien de Veuster is better known as the 'leper priest'. In 1864 Fr Damien was assigned to the island of **Molokai**, a leper colony ; one of the islands that make up the state of **Hawaii**. He spent his whole life there ministering to the lepers until he contracted the disease and died there in 1889.*

First Holy Communion

There are 32 children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. The ceremony will be on Saturday next at 12.00noon.

The Way

If you are in a strange city and ask for directions, a person may say, '*Go straight down until you come to a set of traffic lights. Turn right at the lights...*' Sometimes the instructions are so complicated that you just can't remember them. But you may be fortunate enough to meet an exceptionally kind person who says to you, '*Look, it's a bit difficult to explain. Follow me and I'll show you the way*'

The way to God has confused and baffled many. Some have got hopelessly confused. Others have given up the search. When Thomas asked Jesus, '*Show us the way to the Father*' Jesus didn't give him a lot of complicated instructions. Instead he said, '*I am the way.*' What he was saying in effect was: '*Follow me, I am the way, the truth and the life*' To have faith is to believe we have a lasting home to go to.

Br Brian Says Thanks

Last weekend **Br Brian Johnson** a Franciscan brother spoke to us about the missionary work of the **Franciscan** brothers in **Kenya** and **Uganda**. He wishes to thank all who contributed to his collection which came to **€1028**. Any donations that have come in this weekend will be forwarded to him.

Trocaire

The Trocaire collection has reached **€5,560**. The collection is now closed. Thanks to all who contributed.

St Mels Concert

The **Longford County Choir** presents **Vivaldi's Gloria** and coral favourites with local soloists, **Maria Matthews**, **Eimear Reynolds** and **Breen McGee** in **St Mel's Cathedral** on **Sunday May 24th at 7.30pm**. Tickets cost **€15** and can be had from **Dennistons**, **Farrells** stationary or any choir member.

C A S A Thanks

C A S A (Careing and Shareing Association) church gate collection came to **€235**. Thanks to all who contributed.

