

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: *Marie Smith (months memory)*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 7.00pm: *Shane Brennan / Cornelius & Ellen O'Kelly / Richard Anna Mae & Margaret Gregg*.

Last weekend Collection: €1350. *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: *Anne McCann* 10.30am: *Anne Devlin*
E.Ms. – Vigil: *Carmel O'Shea* 10.30 am: *Bernie Reilly*

Feast Days.

May 5th

Blessed Edmund Rice (1762-1844)

Born in Callan Co Kilkenny. After the death of his young wife, he sold his possessions and dedicated his life to the education of the poor. To help him in this work, he gathered other like-minded men who took religious vows together to work for the Catholic education of boys. He is a model of patient and cheerful acceptance of the sufferings that come our way.

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community, Sofia Williams, Castle Park & Portumna, on Saturday last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptised and her parents.

May – Mary's Month

The best loved of all prayers to Mary is the **Hail Mary**. It is a very ancient prayer. The original text of the prayer goes back to the tenth century and only at the very end of the Middle Ages (about 1500 AD) the second part - "**Holy Mary , Mother of God...**" was added.

The prayer is rooted in **St Luke's Gospel** (Luke 1 :26 – 56). The voices of the angel **Gabriel** and of Mary's cousin **Elizabeth** come together as they each greet Mary. Gabriel's greeting is "**Rejoice Full of grace! The Lord is with thee**" Elizabeth's is "**Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb**"

It was at the **Council of Trent** (1568) that the second part of the prayer was added, a petition addressed to Mary, "**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**" At, for many of us sinners , two of the most significant times of our lives – "**the hour of our death,**" and "**now.**"

Trocaire

The Trocaire collection for this year's Lenten campaign has come to **€2725**, so far. This is somewhat down on last year. You can still make your contribution until mid May.

Lough Derg

The three day pilgrimage starts on **Friday May 30th** and continues to **August 12th**. Lough Derg also offers **One Day Retreats, Quiet Day, Heritage Day** and **Lake Shore Pilgrimage**. All details are on the church notice board. You can also call **353(0)719861518**, for further information.

Samaritans

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

