

# CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *George White, George White Jnr & John & Lena Scanlon / Bridget & Noel Piggott / Sean, Sarah & Marie Ryan & deceased family members. 10.30am Dr Gerald & Maureen Donnelly.*

**Tues. 7.00pm:** *Bartley & Cecelia Mahon & Ellie Cronin.*

### ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil:** *Nan Faichney / Patrick & Margaret McCormack.*

**10.30am.** *Peter & Patricia Mimmagh / Maria Heavey / Thomas O'Doherty.*

**Last weekend Collection: €1240. Thank you.**

### Next Weekend

<b>Readers—Vigil:</b> <i>Anne McCann</i>	<b>10.30am:</b> <i>Anne Devlin</i>
<b>E.Ms. Vigil:</b>	<b>10.30am:</b> <i>Michelle Ghee</i>

### Feast Days

**Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>**                      **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

*This anniversary recalls the apparitions of Our Lady in December 1531 near Mexico City.*

**Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**                      **St Lucy (Martyred in Sicily in 304)**

**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**                      **St John of the Cross (mystic 1542- 1591)**

### Baptisms

*We welcomed into the Christian community **Elsie Jane Brennan**, Sligo and **Curryline** on Saturday last. Also, **Kate Elizabeth McVeigh**, Athlone & Leitrim, on Sunday. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and their families.*

### Do This In Memory

*The next **Do This In Memory** Mass is the vigil Mass next Saturday.*

## An Advent Thought

Looking high into the winter trees I see the distant nests cradled in arms of branches. Nests: round, full of warmth, softness in the welcoming center, a circle of earth's tiny goodness, flung from the far corners, patiently pieced together, and hallowed into a home. Nest: awaiting the treasures of life, simple delicate dwelling places from which song will eventually echo and freedom of wings give flight.

Joyce Rupp

### Safeguarding Message for Advent – Bishop Francis Duffy

When he visited us Pope Francis spoke very movingly about the pain of those who were abused in our church. He complemented the work of our parish and diocesan reps. And our priests and religious who “with the help of the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the church in Ireland, have set in place a stringent set of norms aimed at insuring the safety of young persons”. **I thank all who keep these standards to the forefront of our church activities. I thank you for your commitment to make our church as safe as possible for children.**

Anyone with concerns regarding the safety of children or anyone who suffered in the past should contact our **Designated Liaison Person, Sean Laydon** (087) 7431649 or deputy Liaison Person **Roisin O'Doherty** (087)7057516. The Clonguish parish Safeguarding Person is **Yvonne NiMhurchu**.

### Parish Calendar – 2019

The (eagerly awaited!) parish calendar for 2019 is now on sale in the local shops and in the sacristy. **Price is €3.**

### Longford County Choir

A Christmas Celebration Concert will be held next Sunday in St Mel's Cathedral starting at 7.30pm. **Tickets €10**, at the door.

### Social Services- Meals on Wheels- Transport Services

Church gate collection next weekend. Please support.

**Christmas Mass Times:** Christmas Night 9.00pm, Christmas Day 9.00am and 11.00am.

### Bingo

Bingo is on today in the Paddy Joe Murphy Sports Hall at 3.00pm.

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