



St. Mary's Parish, Clonguish, Newtownforbes, Co. Longford.

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Mass times: Sunday: 7pm Vigil & 10.30am. Monday & Friday: 7pm

Fr James Mac Kiernan, Fr Michael McGrath, Fr Tony Gilhooly, Fr Francis Onugha, Fr Jude Bistu

Parish Newsletter

Mass Intentions - 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 17th @ 7pm: Henry Ellis & his sisters, Mary Sherry & Ann O'Dwyer

Sunday 18th @ 10.30am: No Intention

Monday 19th @ 7pm: No Intention

Friday 23rd Oct @ 7pm: No Intention

Mass Intentions - 30th Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 24th Oct @ 7pm D.M. of the Burke family (Caltra)

Sunday 25th Oct @ 10.30am Sean & Winnie Manning

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: We thank you most sincerely for your contributions to the Collection last weekend which amounted to €900.

ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS: We will remember all those who have died in the past year at the 10.30am mass on **Sunday 15th November**.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION takes place in St Mary's Church each **Wednesday** from 7pm-8pm.

LONGFORD SANCTUARY, funded by Longford Hospice Homecare, and provided by LARCC, is a new service to be delivered in Longford. Information evening on **Wednesday 21st October @ 7.30pm** in the Slashers Complex, Farneyhoogan. You are all invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Clonguish GAA Senior and Junior teams, management, backroom staff and supporters on their successes last weekend.

18th October 2026

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION outside of school. A short preparation course will take place in Longford, during Lent, for school children who may not have been Baptised - or who are Baptised and may not have received First Holy Communion or Confirmation - and wish to do so in 2026. These classes will commence on **Thursday 11th February 2027** and continue throughout Lent. Please contact the Parish Office - 04333 46465 - to arrange enrolment in the preparation course.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS APPEAL: If your son or daughter has received First Holy Communion, we appeal to you to strongly encourage them to become an altar server at St Mary's. It is an opportunity to be of service to others, to grow in respect and reverence for the things of God, and become attentive to Jesus speaking in their hearts.

The commitment involves wanting to be an example that can bring others closer to God but you will find it can also be a means to draw your family closer to each other. Through you, it is Jesus who invites your family to hear his call and follow him. Please contact Mary in the Parish Office for a Consent Form.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER - *For mental health ministry*

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday & Wednesday in the Parochial House 9am to 12noon.

Next Weekend

7pm
10.30am

Readers:

Clodagh McCann
Sylvia Murtagh

Eucharistic Ministers:

Al Yorke
Michelle Ghee

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If you need the assistance of a priest or wish to make a booking for Baptism or Wedding please contact: The Presbytery, St Mel's, Longford