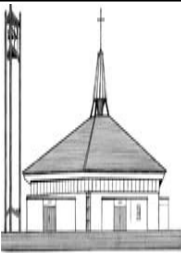




# Aughavas & Cloone Parishes



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## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Pray for** the happy repose of the soul of Jack McNamee, Celbridge and formerly Drumeela, brother of Mossie Whelan, Drumgunny, Aughavas who died recently and James (Jimmy) Keegan, Cloonohill, Drumlish and formerly of Drumadorn, Cloone whose funeral took place in Cloone on Friday last.

### Masses:

<b>Aughavas:</b> Sat. 20th Jan.	7.00 pm.	Pro. Populo.
<b>Cloone:</b> Sun. 21st Jan.	10.00 am.	Michael & Nell Duignan, Tooma. Jim Joe Shortt, Greagh.
<b>Aughavas:</b> Sun. 21st Jan.	11.30 am.	Veronica Flynn, Dublin and late of Camber.
<b>Cloone:</b> Mon. 22nd Jan.	10.00 am.	<b>Rossan:</b> Tues: 23rd Jan. 7.00 pm.
<b>Aughavas:</b> Thurs. 25th Jan.	10.00 am.	
<b>Cloone:</b> Fri. 26th Jan.	8.00 pm.	Thomas Prior, Drumloughan.
<b>Aughavas:</b> Sat. 27th Jan.	7.00 pm.	<b>Cloone:</b> Sun. 28th Jan. 10.00 am.
<b>Aughavas:</b> Sun. 28th Jan.	11.30 am.	Frank & Margaret Kilkenny, Bundarra. Larry & Peggy McDermott & D.M. of the McDermott Family, Drumerkane.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** **Aughavas** - Monday's from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm.  
**Cloone** - Tuesday's from 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm.

**Thanks:** Sincere thanks to the many people who helped out in the Parishes of Cloone and Aughavas in 2023. Thanks to the Choirs, Organists, Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Societies, Collectors, Counters, Altar Servers, Parish Pastoral Councils, Finance Committees, members of the School Boards of Management and the teachers of both Parishes. Thanks to the parents who are present in the Sacristy before and after Mass as part of the Parish Child Safeguarding Policy. Thanks to all who ensured that the Churches were fittingly decorated for Christmas. Thanks also to those who assist with preparing the Newsletter. Thanks to everyone who helped with car parking and stewarding on occasions of Removals and Funerals in both Parishes. This is an important service which is appreciated by everyone. Thanks to all who are so faithful in supporting the Churches financially through the weekly Offertory Collections in Cloone and Aughavas. Thanks to all who contribute to my upkeep through the 6 Priests Dues Collections in both Parishes during the year. Thanks to the Parish Improvement Scheme Supervisor and workers for their work in both Parishes and for putting up the Christmas lights outside St. Joseph's Church in Aughavas. Thanks also to the RSS Supervisor and workers for their work in both parishes during the year. Also, the Beirme family, Cloone who provided the Advent Wreath, the Crib and Christmas tree outside St. Mary's Church.

*I would like to wish everyone in both Parishes all the Blessings you need in 2024.*  
*Fr. Peter. ©*

**Parish Pastoral Council—Cloone:** A form for the nomination of persons to a new Parish Pastoral Council, attached to a letter, was circulated along with the offerings envelopes. Please bring the completed nomination form to Mass next weekend 27th/28th January if you have not already done so. Alternatively you may leave your completed nomination form in the Parochial House, Cloone, anytime up to 29th January.

**Catholic Schools Week 22nd—26th January 2024:** Each of us belongs to a community. This might be our local GAA club, our village or our town. Catholics also belong to a special community of faith. We see this in our parish when people come together to pray to and worship God at Mass, to support each other in sad times and to celebrate important moments in life together. Jesus calls us to be a community and tells us that when we gather together in faith, hope and love, even in small numbers, he will be there too: 'For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them' (Mt 18:20).

Throughout his life and ministry, Jesus showed what it means to serve others, especially those on the margins of society. Every Catholic school is called to be a community that serves, inviting students to use their gifts and talents at the service of others. In our schools, we model love, kindness and care towards ourselves, others, God and creation. In this way, our Catholic schools are communities of service. This Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate and recognise the unique contribution our schools make at the service of our pupils, our communities and our Church. May the Lord bless us and guide us in being communities of faith, hope and love.

**The Daily Themes are as follows:** **Monday:** Service in our Community of Friends.

**Tuesday:** Service in our School Community. **Wednesday:** Service in our Family Community.

**Thursday:** Service in our Local Community. **Friday:** Service in our Faith Community.

**B Pro HEART TESTING** at The Nature Trail, Ballinamore on next Saturday 27th January. Booking essential. Please contact 0876861552 for appointment. Email: [thenaturetrailshops@gmail.com](mailto:thenaturetrailshops@gmail.com)

## The Kingdom of God is near.

The message we have to proclaim and to embody and to exemplify is the same now as it has always been: the kingdom of God is at hand. Today as much as ever, people need to know that this kingdom is real and available. They need to see the joy and the possibilities of that kingdom in us. Because often people are too easily satisfied just to make do with what is quick and easy and cheap. People settle for sex or drink or the distractions provided by entertainment or new technology. They look to these things to save them, or at least to help them move forward in a grim world. But, as C.S. Lewis once wrote, we are far too easily satisfied. We're like a child who turns down an invitation for a day at the beach and chooses instead to stay sitting in a slum alley making mud pies just because the child really can't imagine how much better a day at the shore can be. Maybe the kingdom is like that: it's here, it's real, it's right outside your door. The kingdom of God is at hand! Don't be so easily satisfied with the temporary pleasures. A better, exciting, hopeful, joyful kingdom of life is real. The kingdom of God is at hand. We live knowing that this is true! We live to help others believe it, too.

**Offertory Collection:** (13th/14th Jan.) **Aughavas** € 1,175.00 ; (14th Jan.) **Cloone** € 565.00.  
**Priest's Christmas Dues:** **Aughavas** € 3,420.00; **Cloone** € 2,805.00.