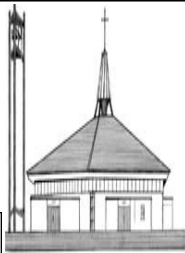


# Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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## 3rd Sunday of Lent

**Pray for** the happy repose of the soul of Raymond Wynne, London and formerly Drumbore, Cloone who died in London.

### Masses:

**Aughavas:** Sat. 2nd March. 7.00 pm. Margaret Cunningham, Doogra.  
**Cloone:** Sun. 3rd March. 10.00 am. Michael Joe Clancy & D.F.M., Drumloughan.  
Michael & Margaret Gannon & D.F.M., Drimeen.  
Mary, Michael, John & Sonny Kavanagh & Rita Doyle.  
**Aughavas:** Sun. 3rd March. 11.30 am. Joe & Willie Curran, Aughavas.  
**Cloone:** Mon. 4th March. 10.00 am.  
**Rossan:** Tues. 5th March. 7.00 pm.  
**Aughavas:** Wed. 6th March. 10.00 am. Pat & Brigid Lyons, Sonnabeg.  
**Cloone:** Thurs. 7th March. 10.00 am. Pro. Populo.  
**Cloone:** Fri. 8th March. 10.00 am.  
**Aughavas:** Sat. 9th March. 7.00 pm. Fintina McCabe & D.F.M., Druminbawn.  
**Cloone:** Sun. 10th March. 10.00 am. John Joe & Mary Donohoe, Esker.  
Thomas & Molly Keegan, Faughill and their son Michael (1st Anniv.)  
**Aughavas:** Sun. 10th March. 11.30 am. P. J. Conefrey, Drumnamore. M.M.

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



**Marriage:** Congratulations and Best Wishes to Aine Heslin, Druminbawn, Aughavas and Stephen Carty, Cleen, Knockvicar, Boyle who were married in Aughavas on Friday 23rd February last.

**First Friday calls** to the housebound will take place on Friday 8th March.

**Holy Week ceremonies:** This year the Holy Week ceremonies for Cloone and Aughavas are due to take place as follows:

Holy Thursday, Cloone; Good Friday, Aughavas; Holy Saturday, Cloone. At the moment we do not have a choir in Cloone. If we were to have ceremonies on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday in Cloone, we would need to have a choir. If you would be prepared to be part of a choir in Cloone for Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday, please make contact with Fr. Peter Tiernan or with Gus Cooke as soon as possible, so that we can make plans for Holy Week.

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**A Youth Leadership Programme** is being organised by the Ceilí Catholic Community, Kilbeggan with the Support of the Diocese of Meath (Tentatively starting in April 2024). A friendly course of 8 modules, one weekend a month. Open to people over 18. Tuition fees cost approx. €120 per module. Free accommodation is offered for the weekends at Ceilí Evangelisation Centre! For further information or for applying for the course email: [school@ceilicomcommunity.net](mailto:school@ceilicomcommunity.net) or call or text 087 9789150.

**St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth:** Applications are now open at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth for postgraduate programmes in Theological Studies, Healthcare Chaplaincy, Youth Ministry and Liturgy. More information is available at [sppu.ie](http://sppu.ie) or by calling (0)1 708 4778.

**Upcoming Referendums: Upcoming Referendums:** The Irish Catholic Bishops say that the proposed Family amendment to the Constitution diminishes the unique importance of the relationship between marriage and Family in the eyes of Society and State and is likely to lead to a weakening of the incentive for young people to marry.

While 'Marriage' entails a public and legal commitment, the term 'durable relationship' is shrouded in legal uncertainty and is open to wide interpretation. It does not make sense that such an ambiguous reality would be considered 'antecedent and superior to all positive law' and acquire the same 'inalienable and imprescriptible' rights as those ascribed to the 'family founded on marriage'.

In an age when people, and especially women, often emphasise the desirability of balancing work and domestic commitments, it is noteworthy that the Irish Constitution already recognises and seeks to facilitate the choice of mothers who wish especially to care for the needs of the family and the home. Contrary to some recent commentary, the present constitutional provision emphatically does not state that "a woman's place is in the home". Neither does it excuse men of their duties to the home and family.

It is reasonable to ask what benefit is it to Irish society to delete the terms 'woman' and 'mother' from the Constitution of Ireland? People generally recognise the enormous commitment that women in Ireland have given, and continue to give, in relation to care, love and affection in the home. Pope Francis has said "Families and homes go together" (AL44). We therefore have similar concerns about the removal of the term 'home' from this article.

The Care amendment would have the effect of abolishing all reference to motherhood in the Constitution and leave unacknowledged the particular and incalculable societal contribution that mothers in the home have made and continue to make in Ireland ... The role of mothers should continue to be cherished in our Constitution.

**Fatima N.S. Cloone Enrolment 2024** are now accepting enrolments for September 2024. Please email [fatimanscloone@gmail.com](mailto:fatimanscloone@gmail.com) or telephone 071 9636522 and we will forward enrolment form/pack. Completed forms to be returned to the school together with a copy of child's Birth Certificate by Friday March 15th.

**Aughavas ICA** meeting on 6th March at 8pm Aughavas Community Centre. Tea served. All welcome.

**Save Leitrim** are holding a Church gate collection in Cloone on Sunday 10th March 2024.

**Offertory Collection:** (24th/25th Feb.) **Aughavas** € 765.00; (25th Feb.) **Cloone** € 585.00.