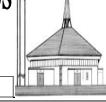


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1st Sept. 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Tom Ryan, husband of Adelaide O'Higgins, Cloone, who died in Toronto recently and Patricia Whitlow (nee Quinn), Lismacniff, Cloone and formerly of Glanduff, Foxford, Co. Mayo whose funeral Mass took place in St. Mary's Church, Cloone on Saturday 31st August.

Masses:

Cloone: Sat. 31st Aug. 8.00 pm. Pro. Populo.

Cloone: Sun. 1st Sept. 10.00 am. Sheila Edwards, Gubbs and formerly U.K. 1st Anniv.

Aughavas: Sun. 1st Sept. 11.30 am. Eugene & Annie Faughnan, Melican.

Francie McIntyre & D.F.M., Gradogue. Pat Kilkenny & Vincent Cochrane Meiltron.

Cloone: Mon. 2nd Sept. 10.00 am. Rossan: Tues. 3rd Sept. 8.00 pm. Aughavas: Wed. 4th Sept. 10.00 am. Cloone: Thurs. 5th Sept. 10.00 am.

Aughavas: Fri. 6th Sept. 10.00 am.

Cloone: Sat. 7th Sept. 8.00 pm. Dymphna Reilly, Mohill.

Cloone: Sun. 8th Sept. 10.00 am. Aughavas: Sun. 8th Sept. 11.30 am.

Eucharistic Adoration: Aughavas - Monday's from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Cloone - Tuesday's from 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm.

First Friday communion calls to the housebound will take place on Friday 6th September.

Diocese of Ardagh & Clonmacnois Pattern Day Clonmacnois—Sunday 15th September 2024. 2.45 pm—Pattern Prayers; 3.00 pm—Pattern Mass. Celebrant: Bishop Paul Connell. Preacher: Fr. Peter Burke, P.P. Ferbane, Administrator Clonmacnois Parish.

Harvesting Gratitude—13th to 15th September 2024 at the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght. This weekend retreat offers us the invitation to pause, ponder, acknowledge and celebrate with gratitude the many blessings in our lives. Cost: €280 Residential; €180 non- Residential. For bookings please call the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght on 01 4048189 or email at dominican retreats@gmail.com.

The Visit of the Relics of St. Bernadette of Lourdes: The relics will visit St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford from Friday 27th September at 2 pm and the visit will conclude on Saturday 28th September at 9 pm.

Aughavas ICA meeting in the Community Centre on Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 8pm. New members welcome.

The Welfare of our Oceans

In 2021, Rosamond Naylor, an American economist who focuses on global food security and sustainable agriculture, calculated that the amount of fish consumed in the world had doubled since 1998. Some marine scientists believe that it will double again by 2050.

Inland Fisheries Ireland has recently shown that there has been a dramatic depletion in the number of salmon in Irish rivers and lakes during the past 20 years. The speed of the decline in the years 1975 to 2022 is frightening as the number of wild salmon inhabiting our rivers and lakes has dropped from 1.7 million to 171,700. This represents a drop of about 90 percent.

Today, China is still the largest consumer of fish in the world with more than 50 million tonnes of fish consumed in 2017. Other countries such as Brazil, Ghana, India, and Mexico are all expected to double their fish catches by the year 2050.

In 2021, aquaculture in Ireland was responsible for 15 percent of total fish production reaching 454,000 tonnes. It is interesting to note that wild fish have five times more calcium than farmed salmon.

The health of the oceans is vital for all life on earth. They are facing destruction through overfishing, habitat loss, climate change and pollution, especially from plastic. The United Nations estimates that humankind discharges around 400 million tonnes of plastic into the sea each year which can now be seen in every corner of the planet from the tropics of Antarctica.

Some say that the oceans will carry more plastic than fish (by weight) by 2050. The collapse of our oceans will spell disaster for all life on this planet. Yet, we give these considerations very little thought in our politics and economics. Seldom do we hear the well-being of the oceans discussed in either the media or in Government.

Prayer: Forgiveness

Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit,

go back into my memory as I sleep.

Every hurt that has ever been done to me - heal that hurt.

Every hurt that I have ever caused to another person - heal that hurt.

All the relationships that have been damaged in my whole life that I'm not aware of - heal those relationships.

But Lord, if there is anything that I need to do - if I need to go to a person because he/she is still suffering from my hand, bring to my awareness that person.

I choose to forgive, and I ask to be forgiven.

Remove whatever bitterness may be in my heart, Lord, and fill the empty spaces with your love. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

Offertory Collection: (15th/18th Aug.) Aughavas € 685.00.

(25th Aug.) Aughavas € 570.00. Cloone € 690.00.