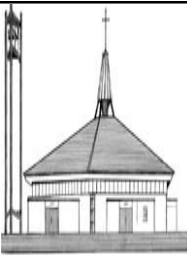


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16th Feb. 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses:

Aughavas: *Sat.* 15th Feb. 7.00 pm. Pro. Populo.
Cloone: *Sun.* 16th Feb. 10.00 am. Michael Murphy, Annamacoolcen. 1st Anniv.
Aughavas: *Sun.* 16th Feb. 11.30 am. P.J. Conefrey, Drumnamore. 1st Anniv.
Cloone: *Mon.* 17th Feb. 8.00 pm.
Rossan: *Tues.* 18th Feb. 7.00 pm.
Aughavas: *Wed.* 19th Feb. 10.00 am. Patrick & Mary McHugh and John & Annie O'Reilly and the Lavery Family.
Cloone: *Thurs.* 20th Feb. 10.00 am.
Aughavas: *Sat.* 22nd Feb. 7.00 pm. Seán Connolly, Meiltron and Dan O'Sullivan, Bantry.
Cloone: *Sun.* 23rd Feb. 10.00 am. Moira Tiernan, Annaghmacooney.
 Packie & Mary Ellen Gallagher, Drimna and D.M. of the Gallagher & Reilly Families.
Aughavas: *Sun.* 23rd Feb. 11.30 am.

Eucharistic Adoration: **Aughavas** - Monday's from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm.
Cloone - Tuesday's from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

Annual Trócaire Lecture "A Politics of Hope and Catholic Social Teaching as a Guiding Light" takes place in Renehan Hall at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Tuesday 11th March 2025, at 7 p.m. GMT. Keynote speaker: **Dr. Anna Rowlands**, Professor of Catholic Social Thought at Durham University. It will also be live-streamed for those who cannot attend in person. Registration for this free event is required. To attend in person at this link: <https://forms.gle/pgM2FfPyne2ZB8Bs9>. To attend online at this link: https://trocaire-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_lb4mVEj2TBC1ddJ7hTcWGA. For further enquiries please contact Frances Harnan - frances.harnan@trocaire.org

Fatima N.S. Cloone are now accepting enrolments for September 2025. Please email 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 this Friday February 21st.

St. Joseph's N.S. Aughavas Enrolment forms and packs for September 2025 are now available at the school. Email: aughavasns@gmail.com or telephone 071 9636326 Enrolment forms also available online at <http://stjosephsnsaughavas.sccoilnet.ie/> Completed forms to be returned to the school together with a copy of child's Birth Certificate and Baptismal Cert by this Friday February 21st.

Bio-Diversity Gardening Classes are being held in Margaret's Corner, Carrigallen, H12 P744. Course Co-Ordinator is Zara Evans, Community Horticultural Advisor with Leitrim Development Company. Classes starting on Wednesday 26th February for 6 weeks, 7- 9 pm. €50.00 for all 6 classes or €10.00 pay as you go. Refreshments served. To register, contact 089 271 2131 or margaretscornercc@gmail.com

Drumshanbo Traditional Irish Music course Spring Charity Concert on Friday 7th March 2025 at 8.00 pm in the Mayflower, Drumshanbo. The concert will raise money for two charities—the Alzheimer Society of Ireland and North West Hospice. Tickets which cost €10 are available at the door (U12's free) or through Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/beo-le-ceol-tickets-1241991974429>. Donations can be made through iDonate (www.idonate.ie/ BeoleCeoltradcourse2025). For more details contact Mossie Martin on 087 7640332.

The Beatitudes

Today's readings teach us that true happiness, or beatitude, lies in the awareness that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that we will be happy only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need and work to uplift them, thus declaring our 'option for the poor,' as Jesus did. Contrary to the popular belief, wealth, health, power and influence are not the source of true happiness. The word 'beatitude' means 'blessedness' in a double sense: both enjoying God's favor and enjoying true or supreme happiness. The eight beatitudes Jesus gives in Mathew and the four in Luke contradict the ideas of real happiness found in the Jewish culture and in our modern society, according to which wealth, health, power and influence are the true beatitudes. 'The beatitudes' are technically known as 'macarisms', or blessings (from the Greek *Makarismos*, meaning 'blessed' or 'happy.')

Dr. Harold Treffert is the director of the Winnebago Mental Health Institute in Wisconsin. In an article entitled 'The American Fairy Tale,' he discussed five dangerous ideas we have about the meaning of happiness.

First, happiness is *things*. The more you accumulate and have, the happier you will be.
 Second, happiness is *what you do*. The more you produce and earn, the happier you will be.
 Third, happiness is being the *same as others*. The more fashionable you are and conform with the times, the happier you will be.
 Fourth, happiness is *mental health*. The fewer problems you have and the more carefree you are, the happier you will be.
 Fifth, happiness is *communicating with electronic gadgets*. The more you can communicate with a television set, a satellite or a computer, the happier you will be. According to Dr. Treffert, these five myths about happiness are the cause of many mental health problems today. If happiness cannot be found through these five myths of 'The American Fairy Tale,' then where do we find it? Jesus gives us the answer when he outlines the beatitudes in today's reading from Luke.

The Important Questions

Instead of running after superficial satisfactions and playing a role for the benefit of others, we would do better to think about the really important questions in life. Who am I, really? What am I looking for? What direction do I want to give to my life, my decisions and my actions? Why and for what purpose am I in this world? How do I want to look back on my life once it ends? What meaning do I want to give to all my experiences? Who do I want to be for others? Who am I for God? All these questions lead us back to the heart.

Pope Francis

Offertory Collection: (8th/9th Feb.) **Aughavas** € 560.00; (9th Feb.) **Cloone** € 835.00.