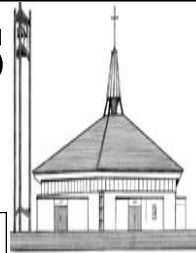


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9th March 2025

1st Sunday of Lent

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Kathleen Lenahan (nee Reynolds), Wilmington, N.C., USA and formerly of Aughalough, Aughavas who died recently.

Masses:

Aughavas: Sat. 8th Mar. 7.00 pm. Jim McGovern, Camber. 1st Anniv.
Cloone: Sun. 9th Mar. 10.00 am. John Joe & Mary Donohoe & D.F.M., Esker.
Michael & Margaret Gannon, Drimien.
Aughavas: Sun. 9th Mar. 11.30 am. Pro. Populo.
Cloone: Mon. 10th Mar. 9.00 am.
Aughavas: Wed. 12th Mar. 8.00 pm.
Cloone: Thurs. 13th Mar. 8.00 pm. Raymond Wynne, London & Drumbore. 1st Anniv.
Cloone: Fri. 14th Mar. 10.00 am.
Aughavas: Sat. 15th Mar. 7.00 pm. Margaret Cunningham, Doogra.
John & Marcella Tiernan, Coroneary and Edward & Kate Tiernan.
Cloone: Sun 16th Mar. 10.00 am. Mary McNamara, Kiltyfea.
Thomas & Molly Keegan and their son Michael, Faughill.
Aughavas: Sun. 16th Mar. 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.

Trócaire Boxes are in the porches of the churches. You are welcome to take one home.

Holy Week ceremonies begin on Holy Thursday and finish with Masses in Cloone and Aughavas on Easter Sunday. There will be one ceremony on Holy Thursday, one ceremony Good Friday, one ceremony on Holy Saturday. This year Cloone would be due to have ceremonies on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday. Aughavas would be due to have the ceremony on Good Friday. If we are to have the ceremonies on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday in Cloone we will need a choir. There will be a meeting in St. Mary's Church, Cloone on Thursday 20th March at 8.00 pm of all who would be able to be part of a choir in Cloone for Holy week.

Poor Clares Galway, Monastic Experience Day for women 18-35. An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The event will take place from 10am to 5pm on Saturday 15th March. Contact: vocations@poorclares.ie to register. For more information: poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart: Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together". You can be a **Pilgrim of Hope** for others by taking a short-term Pioneer Pledge for Lent, Spiritually adopting someone who is on an Alcohol Treatment program or learning the 12 steps of the AA fellowship. A short-term pledge is available via www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.

St. Joseph's N.S. Parents Association, Aughavas will be having a Church gate collection on this weekend, 8th and 9th March, raising funds for our school. All donations are greatly appreciated to support our wonderful school.

Cloone Aughavas Playschool / Afterschool - Enrolment September 2025: We are now accepting enrolments for September 2025. Please email afterschoolcloone@gmail.com for afterschool and playschool or for playschool, contact Mary Moran on 086 8382545.

Basic Computers classes with Introduction to the Internet and using a Smartphone starting in Carrick on Shannon on Thursday 13th of March at 10:00 am in the FET Centre, Market Yard, Carrick on Shannon, N41 P997. No appointment necessary, just come along on the day, meet the tutor and find out more information.

Thought for the Day

In this age of artificial intelligence, we cannot forget that poetry and love are necessary to save our humanity. No algorithm will ever be able to capture, for example, the nostalgia that all of us feel, whatever our age, and wherever we live, when we recall how we first used a fork to seal the edges of the pies that we helped our mothers or grandmothers to make at home. All these little things, ordinary in themselves yet extraordinary for us, can never be captured by algorithms. The fork, the joke, the window, the ball, the shoebox, the book, the bird, the flower; all of these live on as precious memories 'kept' deep in our heart.

Pope Francis

God's Dream

Lent is a time for reconsidering our feelings, for letting our eyes be opened to the frequent injustices which stand in direct opposition to the dream and the plan of God. It is a time to unmask three great temptations that wear down and fracture the image which God wanted to form in us. First, wealth: seizing hold of goods destined for all, and using them only for 'my own people'. That is, taking 'bread' based on the toil of others, or even at the expense of their very lives. That wealth which tastes of pain, bitterness and suffering. That is the bread that a corrupt family or society gives its own children. The second temptation, vanity: the pursuit of prestige based on continuous, relentless exclusion of those who 'are not like me'. The futile chasing of those five minutes of fame which do not forgive the 'reputation' of others. 'Making firewood from a felled tree' gradually gives way to the third temptation, the worst. It is that of pride, or rather, putting oneself on a higher level than one truly is on, feeling that one does not share the life of 'mere mortals', and yet being one who prays every day: 'I thank you Lord that you have not made me like those others...'. The three temptations of Christ... Three temptations which the Christian is faced with daily. Three temptations which seek to corrode, destroy and extinguish the joy and freshness of the Gospel. Three temptations which lock us into a cycle of destruction and sin.

Offertory Collection: (1st/2nd Mar.) **Aughavas** € 580.00; (2nd Mar.) **Cloone** € 795.00.