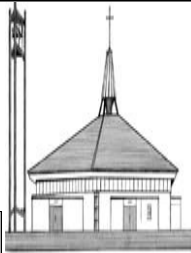


Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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23rd March 2025



3rd Sunday of Lent

Masses:

Aughavas: *Sat.* 22nd Mar. 7.00 pm. Pro. Populo.
Cloone: *Sun.* 23rd Mar. 10.00 am. John Tom Cunningham, Killeveha.
 Agnes McBrien, Riverstown.
Aughavas: *Sun.* 23rd Mar. 11.30 am. Maureen & Charlie McGil, Camber.
Cloone: *Mon.* 24th Mar. 10.00 am.
Rossan: *Tues.* 25th Mar. 7.00 pm.
Aughavas: *Wed.* 26th Mar. 10.00 am.
Cloone: *Thurs.* 27th Mar. 10.00 am.
Cloone: *Fri.* 28th Mar. 8.00 pm. John & Patricia Morrow and D.F.M., Kiltyfea.
Aughavas: *Sat.* 29th Mar. 7.00 pm.
Cloone: *Sun.* 30th Mar. 10.00 am. Hugh Higgins & D.F.M., Drumadorn.
 Olivia Harte, Killeveha and James McBrien, Rossan.
Aughavas: *Sun.* 30th 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.



Baptism: Shea Joseph Maguire, Coroneary, Aughavas was welcomed into the Christian Community in Aughavas on Friday 14th March last.

Aughavas Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday 27th March at 8.30 pm.

Holy Week Ceremonies: There was a meeting in St. Mary's Church, Cloone on Thursday evening of all those who are prepared to be part of a choir for Holy Week. This meeting was well attended. Those in attendance would welcome more new members. Every voice counts. As we will have a choir in Cloone, Holy week ceremonies are as follows:
 Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday in Cloone Church at 8.00 pm for the people of Cloone and Aughavas. The celebration of the Passion of the Lord is on Good Friday in Aughavas at 3.00 pm for the people of Cloone and Aughavas. The Easter Vigil will be celebrated on Holy Saturday night in Cloone at 8.00 pm for the people of Cloone and Aughavas.

Choir Practice: There will be a choir practice in St. Mary's Church, Cloone on Thursday 27th March at 8.00 pm.

Cloone and Aughavas Parish Pastoral Councils: There will be training for members of the Parish Pastoral Councils in the Canon Donohoe Hall in Mohill on Thursday 3rd April at 7.30 pm.

Lourdes Assisted Pilgrims Fund Collection will be held in Aughavas and Cloone on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th March 2025.

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.

Active Age: Reminder: The bus to Aughavas Cloone Community social night out in Arva on Friday 28th March will depart from O'Carolan Monument Mohill 5pm, Cloone Church 5.15pm and Dugout Aughavas 5.30pm. All seated for 6pm.

Table Quiz Fundraiser for Margaret of New Orleans Cottage Tully on Friday 28th March at 8.00 pm in Kilbracken Arms Hotel, Carrigallen. Tables for Children and Adults. Spot prizes and a Raffle on the night. For more info. contact: 089 271 2131 or Email: margaretofneworleans@gmail.com.

Points to Ponder

Real repentance is a reflection about whatever is unfruitful in our lifestyle. Jesus' words 'Repent or you will perish' remind us of what Socrates said at his trial, after he had opted for death rather than exile. 'The un-examined life is not worth living. 'The parable of the fruitless fig tree is thought-provoking. It is not about doing wrong but about failure to do what is positively right. The fig tree that bore no fruit is like a Christian who attempts no good work and lives a purely selfish life.

Francis of Assisi once invited a young friar to go with him into town to preach. Francis and the young friar spent all day walking through the streets and then came home. When the day's journey was done, the young friar was disappointed and asked 'Weren't we supposed to preach today?' Francis replied, 'Son, we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We were seen by many and our behaviour was noted. It is of no use walking anywhere to preach unless we preach wherever we walk!' He summed up his idea in these words 'Preach the Gospel everywhere, and if necessary, use words.' To him witnessing to Jesus wasn't merely quoting some words out of the Bible from time to time but one who lives by the word of God each day.

Giving ourselves to God

'Sacrifice a just sacrifice and hope in the Lord' (Psalm 4:8, Vulgate) said the prophet. That is to say that the sure and solid foundation of our spiritual life is to give ourselves to God and put ourselves entirely in his hands body and soul. To forget ourselves completely so that he becomes our whole joy and his pleasure and glory, his being, our only good. To think of ourselves as objects sold and delivered, for God to do with what he likes. With this foundation laid, souls have but to spend their entire existence rejoicing that God is God, surrendering themselves so completely that they are happy to obey his commands whatever they may be and without question.

Offertory Collection: (8th/9th Mar.) **Aughavas** € 660.00; (16th Mar.) **Cloone** € 575.00.
 (15th/16th Mar.) **Aughavas** € 615.00.