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1st Holy Communion takes place in Aughavas next Sunday 11th May at 11.30 pm. **1st Holy Communion** takes place in Cloone on Saturday 24th May at 12.00 noon.

Cloone Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Monday 26th May at 8.00 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in St Mary's church Cloone from 7pm to 9 pm every Tuesday. The prayer intention for the month of May is "For Those in the parish who are sick or infirm and their carers and families." We would like to invite and encourage you to come along and spend a short time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament for this or any other special intention you may have, at this time. More volunteers are also very welcome to join our rota for weekly Eucharistic Adoration in our parish.

Charismatic Renewal–Praise, Worship, Testimony, Healing on Saturday 17th May 2025 starting at 10.00 am. Speakers are Fr. Pat Collins, Rev. Nigel Gill. Venue: John McCormack Hall,

Technical University of the Shannon, Dublin Road, Athlone. N37 HD68. Enquiries: Linda 087 2206952; Marie 086 8973292 or Martin 086 2412548.

St. Pio Relics to visit Holycross Abbey (E41PH01): Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May. Veneration and ceremonies from 10am to 8pm on Saturday and 9am to 8pm on Sunday (incorporating our annual St. Pio Pilgrimage on Sunday from 1.30 pm). All are welcome. Contact 0504-43124 or hbparishoffice@gmail.com for information.

March for Life 2025 on Monday 5th May in Dublin at 2 pm (meeting point is St. Stephen's Green). For more info. including buses travelling to Dublin see www.marchforlife.ie.

Active Age Group: Meeting in Cloone Community Centre on Tues. 6th May @ 7pm. Various items to be discussed, including details of 5 day trip to Limerick, Tipperary and Clare (Mon. 30th June to Fri. 4th July) staying at Tracy's West County Hotel, Ennis. Contact: Irene Argue @ 087 7940 413, Teresa Slevin @ 087 6188 795 or Marian Shanley @ 087 2733986.

Cloone Community Centre would like to thank everyone who supported their recent Food and Craft Fair on Good Friday. Here is a list of prize winners in the raffle: 1^s Prize - Easter Hamper - Colette Charles; 2nd Prize - 2 bottles of wine - Michael Cuniffe; 3rd prize - Drumod Boxty Hamper - Tommy Fitzpatrick; 4th prize - tickets for Jackalope Gin Distilery Tour - Maureen Cooke; 5th prize - Wall Street Barbers Shop Voucher - Julie Nicholl; 6th prize - White Wine - Keith Dimmock; 7th prize - Tea Tray - Niall Keegan; 8th prize - Hand Care Hamper - Irene Argue. Special thanks to all our sponsors of prizes.

Aughavas ICA meeting in Aughavas Community Centre on Wednesday 7th May at 8pm. New members welcome, refreshments served.

Aughavas Parish Improvements Scheme: We are holding our AGM on Tuesday night May 13th at 8-45pm in the club rooms at Aughavas GAA park. All are welcome.

A life immersed in light

We live in a provisional reality, one that ends. On the other hand, in the afterlife, after the resurrection, death will no longer be at the horizon and we will experience everything, even human bonds, through God's dimension, in a transfigured way. Even marriage, a sign and instrument of God in this world, will shine brightly, transformed in the full light of the glorious communion of saints in paradise.

The 'children of the resurrection' are not just a few privileged ones, but all men and women, because the salvation brought by Jesus, is for all of us (Luke 20:36). And the life of the risen shall be 'the same as the angels', meaning wholly immersed in the light of God, completely devoted to His praise, in an eternity filled with joy and peace (Luke 20:36). But watch out! Resurrection not only means rising up after death; it is a new genre of life that we can already experience today. It is the victory over nothingness, and it is at our door. Resurrection is the foundation of faith and Christian hope! *Pope Francis.*

Offertory Collection: (26/27th April) Aughavas € 670.00; (27th April). Cloone € 685.00. Shrine: Aughavas € 467.00