



Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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SRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass during the period 13th to 29th March in the Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois

In the Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois the following are the arrangements during the period 13th March to 29th March 2020.

In the current emergency situation, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass.

No weekend or weekday Masses may be celebrated in this diocese during the period. No public Mass will be celebrated on St Patrick's Day. Churches will remain open for prayer. Anniversary Masses scheduled for the dates on which Masses have been cancelled will be rescheduled.

Funeral Masses, Baptisms and Marriages may take place in churches provided less than 100 people are in attendance. Family representatives are asked to ensure that less than 100 will be in attendance, seated 2 metres apart.

A 2 page document outlining the measures to be taken in the Diocese (Diocesan Liturgies 13th -29th March 2020) is on the Church Notice Board.

Spiritual Communion

The tradition of Spiritual Communion, whereby those who cannot directly receive the Eucharist, can by their desire to receive it, also gain its benefits. Although unable to receive the Eucharist in person we are not separated from it, but drawn into a deeper appreciation and desire for its graces, which continue to be poured out to each of us.

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen".
Saint Francis

Prayer for our protection

We ask for prayers for those affected by the Coronavirus. Placing all our trust in the Lord, and asking Our Lady to intercede for us, we invite everyone to pray these prayers:

Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,

Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer. Amen.

First Confession scheduled for Thursday 26th March at 7.30 pm has been postponed.

Eucharistic Adoration: There won't be any Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during this time in Cloone or Aughavas. People may come at any time, during which the Church is open, for private prayer.

Cloone Liturgy Committee: The Meeting of Cloone Liturgy Committee scheduled for this Wednesday 18th March at 8.00 pm in the Parish House has been cancelled.

Aughavas Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Tuesday 24th March at 8.30 pm has been cancelled.

Assembly Ardagh Diocese: The Meeting of delegates scheduled for March 28th has been postponed.

Luby Family Cloone Fundraiser - A big Thank You: The Cloone Fundraising Committee wishes to thank everyone who supported the Luby Family Cloone fundraiser. The Committee were overwhelmed by the generosity and support received from so many people both at home and abroad. "*For it is in giving that we receive.*" ~ *St. Francis of Assisi.*

St. Joseph's N.S. Parents Association wish to thank everyone who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection held in Aughavas. Amount collected was €402.00.

Offertory Collection: (Sun. 8th March): **Aughavas € 600.00; Cloone € 530.00.**