



Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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5th Sunday of Easter

Pray for the happy repose of the souls of Harry Moran, Drumgorman, Leitrim P.O. (father of Maureen McNamara, Aughavas), who died recently; Margaret McManus, (nee Mitchell) who died in Rochdale, England on Monday 4th May (sister of Eugene Mitchell, Willie Mitchell, Monica Reynolds, Cloone and Bridie Casey, Mohill and Mary Reynolds, (nee Rowley), Corduff, Cloone whose funeral took place on Saturday.

Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters, The month of May is a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the *Rosary* at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the *Rosary*, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020, Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist.

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First Prayer

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united

with Jesus’ suffering, and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman people”,
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;

*Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always
from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

Accord: Covid-19 Couples & Relationships support Line. If you need to speak to an experienced couples & relationships counselor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life..... Contact 01 5313331 from 9.00 am—8.00 pm, Monday to Friday. All calls charged at local rate.

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Offerings: Since 15th March some people have put offerings in the letter box of the Parish House in Cloone. These offerings were counted and lodged last week. They are as follows:

Cloone Offertory €590.00; Cloone Easter Dues €380.00; Cloone Lenten Alms €20.00.
Aughavas Offertory €270.00; Aughavas Easter Dues €280.00; Aughavas Lenten Alms €55.00.

Trócaire for the Parishes of Cloone and Aughavas amounted to €340.00.

Thanks to all for contributions. If anyone has offerings left aside, you may put them in the letter box of the door of the Parish House in Cloone.

Cloone Tidy Towns Committee Long term plan: Cloone Tidy Towns committee are currently going through a process of preparing a long term plan. To assist us in this process Woodrow Sustainable Solutions and Flynn, Furney Environmental Consultants are working with Leitrim Development Company to create a new long-term Tidy Towns Plan for Cloone. This will help to plan actions and initiatives that will help to make Cloone more sustainable, attractive and a better place in which to live. In order to help us to make this plan as relevant as it might be, we would be delighted if you’d take just a few minutes to complete the following questionnaire by using the link, <https://surveyhero.com/c/b7e68486>. (A paper version of this survey is available in the Church porch and can be filled out and returned by post to the address on the survey form).