

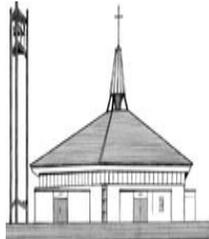
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TRINITY SUNDAY

Pray for the happy repose of the souls of Mary Keegan, Castleknock, Dublin and formerly of Drumbore, Cloone (brother of Pat Keegan, Drumbore, Cloone) who died during the week; Thomas Brady (brother of Michael Brady, Drumhalla, Cloone) who died on 24th May in California and Michael O'Reilly, Killesandra (brother of Mary McLoughlin, Aughavas) who died during the week.

Masses

Cloone: Sat. 13th June. 8.00 pm. Mary Ford, Ballykiltyfea & D.M. of the Ford Family.

Aughavas: Sun. 14th June. 11.30 am. Maureen Moran and Hugh & Mary Moran and Mary Galligan, Melican.

Mass in Cloone and Aughavas: A webcam has been installed in St. Mary's Church, Cloone and in St. Joseph's Church, Aughavas. From Saturday 13th June, Mass will be in Cloone at 8.00 pm on Saturday evenings, and in Aughavas on Sunday mornings at 11.30 am. Masses will be streamed live at these times on Churchtv.ie. Mass will also be available on some week mornings at 10.00 am in Cloone. The times of the weekly morning Masses will be published in the weekly Newsletter. For recordings see youtube link below livestream. Thanks to Terry Williams who has recorded Mass each week and made it available on the Aughavas GAA site on youtube, since 22nd March.

Baptism: Donnacha Martin Bohan and Cara Jane Bohan, Aughavas was welcomed into the Christian Community on Sunday last.

The Most Holy Trinity

Five years ago this week, Pope Francis issued his encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si' On Care for Our Common Home*. In it, he calls for action to halt the destruction of the planet, arguing that preserving our natural environment should be an essential part of the Church's mission. The word 'creation' has a broader meaning than just nature or our world; it has to do with God's loving plan in which the earth itself and every creature has value.

But why are we talking about the environment on this, the feast of the Most Holy Trinity? Well, in *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis tells us that the Trinity is embedded in all of creation. Just as God is a communion, every one of God's creatures is relational, and the world a web of relationships. 'The Trinity has left its mark on all creation,' says Pope Francis. The implication of this is that we are all connected, we all share a common home, and we have a duty to protect and care for all that belongs to God. We need to become more aware of how our lifestyles affect both the earth and others, particularly those on the margins of society, and to consider also whether our actions are fair to future generations. Let us pray today, with Pope Francis:

'Triune Lord,

wondrous community of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate you
in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you'

Sacred Heart Novena 2020: - Thursday 11th June to Friday 19th June 2020.

Preparation for Prayer

Let the Spirit of God lead you to a place of interior stillness and then allow yourself to become aware of God's gaze on you, full of love and hope for you. That gaze is sustaining and life-giving. Ask in your heart, for a deepening, interior awareness of how you depend on God for your existence.

Novena prayer

Lord Jesus, you have said, Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you'. I come to you in faith and trust, in love and hope. Let me know your closeness to me, and your care for me and all who are dear to me.

My intention for this Novena is dear to me, and I know that what is important to me is important to you. Hear my prayer (mention your intention); grant what I ask, and may I always trust that in all that happens in life, you will be close to me as my friend, guide and saviour. And so, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

Community Connect: Many women experiencing unexpected pregnancies struggle with the nagging question: how will I provide for my baby? Community Connect exists to help answer this question with practical, material support, so that mums and parents feel more secure and supported in bringing their baby into the world.

Community Connect has a very precise mission. It is not a counselling service, but operates as a practical support hub where parents in need can access items like nappies and wipes, as well as pre-loved items such as babygros, outfits, blankets, buggies and other practical aids. Community Connect initially has six volunteer-run locations operating across the country, where people can donate baby items and parents in need can access them. The hubs are located in Dublin (North and South), Galway, Limerick, Athlone and Cork. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via email to info@communityconnect.ie. You can find out more at www.communityconnect.ie.

Vocations: Imagine if, in every Parish and faith community, people were encouraged to spend a few minutes discerning who in their midst might be a possible candidate for religious life/priesthood? Then, if they gently and sensitively shared the fruit of their reflection with that person, saying what they saw in the person and then left it for him/her to think and pray about it? What would happen? Only God knows! As well as full time ministry, every community has a need for willing people to serve as readers, ministers of the Eucharist, Mass servers, catechists or members of various committees. God continues to call, sometimes we just don't hear. Contact the diocesan vocations director: Fr. Seamus O'Rourke. Tel: 071 9620054/ 087 9195315. seamusoro@gmail.com. www.vocations.ie.