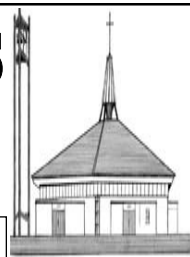




# Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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## 27th Sunday in ordinary time

### Masses:

**Cloone:** Sat. 3rd Oct. 8.00 pm.  
**Cloone:** Sun. 4th Oct. 10.00 am.  
**Aughavas:** Sun 4th Oct. 11.30 am. Pro Populo.  
**Cloone:** Mon. 5th Oct. 10.00 am.  
**Cloone:** Wed. 7th Oct. 10.00 am. **For pupils & staff of St. Joseph's school only.**  
**Cloone:** Thurs. 8th Oct. 10.00 am. John Quinn, Corduff, Cloone.  
**Cloone:** Sat. 10th Oct. 8.00 pm.  
**Cloone:** Sun. 11th Oct. 10.00 am.  
**Aughavas:** Sun. 11th Oct. 11.30 am.

**Eucharistic Adoration: Cloone: Tuesday 6th October from 8 pm—9 pm.**



**Baptism:** Mark Oliver Eamonn Cunningham, Sonnaghbeg was welcomed into the Christian Community in Cloone on Saturday 26th September last.

**Monday Morning 5th October:** As we have someone to sanitise the Church before and after Mass on Monday, those who wish to attend Mass, may attend. On the other weekdays on which there is Mass in Cloone we will not have a congregation.

**Cloone Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Monday 12th October at 8.00 pm.**

**Tax Relief for Donations to Eligible Charities:** Thanks to all who have returned the forms. If you still have the form, please fill it in and return it as soon as you can to the Parochial House, Cloone or put it in the offertory basket at Mass.

**Thanks:** Thanks to all who have contributed to the Offertory Collection, and all who have contributed to Priests Dues, Holy Land, Peter's Pence and Lenten Alms, since last March.

**Respect for the land/Ecological conversion:** The beauty of nature is as essential for our psychological and spiritual wellbeing as its generosity and abundance are for our physical sustenance and wellbeing. No other plant, animal or microorganism has damaged the planet in the way we humans have done. Unfortunately we have developed "a society where everything from human habits to politics and economics exploits the environment with callous indifference. Unless the nature of the State is harmonised with the state of Nature, our greed and ignorance will eventually take us beyond the capacity of the ecosystems to support human existence". (Tom Hayden: op cit) No other animal, plant or microorganism has damaged the land and the entire planet as we humans have done. Only by a change of heart and attitude of the majority of our fellow humans can we salvage what is left of our once healthy

ecosystem. ...what [we] all need is an 'ecological conversion', whereby the effects of [our] encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in [our] relationship with the world around us. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience". (LS: 217)

"Diarmuid O'Murchu in his poem "Grounded in the Land" (2009) expresses a similar sentiment.

"The earth is imbued with a power to renew,  
the breath and the fire of the Spirit.  
Long before the human did ever evolve,  
God's earthly embrace was the heart of true love.  
Be at home in the earth and its beauty".

Let us protect our land/soil/earth in every way we can, not only because we owe this to our brothers and sisters worldwide and we hold it in trust for generations to come but also because of its origin. "Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others". (LS: 159)

Creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion". (LS: 15)

"The world is unknown until the value and glory of it are seen: till the beauty and serviceableness of its parts are considered. When you enter into it, it is an unlimited field of variety and beauty: where you may lose yourself in the multitude of wonders and delights. But it is a happy loss to lose one self ....and to find God in exchange for oneself: which we then do when we see [God] in [God's] gifts and adore [God's] glory. Your enjoyment of the world is never right, till every morning you awake in Heaven; see yourself in your Father's palace; and look upon the skies, the earth and the air as celestial joys: having such a reverend esteem of all, as if you were among the angels."

(Thomas Traherne, 1950, *Centuries of Meditations; First Century.*)

"... Look on the rising sun: there God does live  
And gives [God's] light, and gives [God's] heat away.  
And flowers and trees and beasts and men receive  
Comfort in morning joy in the noonday.  
And we are put on earth a little space,  
That we may learn to bear the beams of love".  
(William Blake, 1757-1827)

### PRAYER

Lord open our eyes wide in wonder.  
Touch our hearts so that they swell with gratitude  
as we respond with love to the manifestation of your beauty and generosity.  
May we care for the earth and use every means in our power  
to educate and encourage others to do likewise.

**Offertory Collection: (20th September) - Cloone € 475.00; Aughavas € 450.00.**