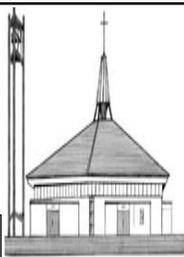


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4th July 2021



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Breda O'Rourke, Collins Park, Dublin (wife of the late Michael O'Rourke, formerly of Aughalough, and sister of Maura O'Rourke Aughalough) whose funeral took place in Dublin on Friday 2nd July; Kevin McKiernan who died in Manchester (son of Joan McKiernan and the late John McKiernan, Drumgowla) and Josephine Sarsfield (nee Campbell) formerly of Leganomer, Aughavas who died on 16th June 2021 in Oldham, England.

Masses

Cloone: Sat. 3rd July. 8.00 pm.
Cloone: Sun. 4th July. 10.00 am.
Aughavas: Sun. 4th July. 11.30 am. Pro Populo.
Cloone: Mon. 5th July. 10.00 am. D.M. of Mitchell, Reynolds, Heslin and O'Neill families.
Rossan: Tues. 6th July. 8.00 pm.
Aughavas: Wed. 7th July. 8.00 pm. Bernadette McLoughlin, Carrickavoher.
Cloone: Thurs. 8th July. 10.00 am.
Cloone: Fri. 9th July. 8.00 pm. Tommy McKeon, Lakeview, Cloone. M.M.
Cloone: Sat. 10th July. 8.00 pm.
Cloone: Sun. 11th July. 10.00 am.
Aughavas: Sun. 11th July. 11.30 am.

The sick and housebound: Anyone who is housebound and wishes to receive Holy Communion please contact Fr. Peter Tiernan.

Weekday Masses in Cloone and Aughavas: People may attend Mass on weekdays in Cloone and Aughavas. It will be the responsibility of those attending Mass to sanitise the area which they are occupying. This will mean that those attending will need to bring their own sanitising wipes and take care of the area which they are occupying.

Eucharistic Adoration in Aughavas— Monday's from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. It will be the responsibility of those attending to sanitise the area which they are occupying.

Eucharistic Adoration in Cloone—Tuesday's from 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm. It will be the responsibility of those attending to sanitise the area which they are occupying.

RECENT APPEAL: - Aughavas Pastoral Council: A few weeks ago, we made an urgent appeal for volunteers to help with the monthly duties associated with weekend Masses. We asked in particular for volunteers to help as Counters and Eucharistic Ministers. We hoped

that people might be willing to volunteer even for one month in the year, as this would help greatly in organising the monthly rota. However, no new volunteers have come forward. This is disheartening for those who have been serving for many years, and it is not a hopeful sign for the future. The appeal for help remains open. Please contact Fr. Peter or any member of pastoral council.

Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation has again been deferred due to Government restrictions. Please remember in prayer candidates for Confirmation from Cloone and Aughavas. This is disappointing for candidates and their families who were looking forward to this special and happy event.

Cemetery Sunday: Due to the Corona Virus pandemic cemetery Sunday in Aughavas parish and Cloone Parish will not be taking place this year.

Year of St. Joseph: This year is dedicated to St. Joseph by Pope Francis. There are small laminated cards with a prayer to St. Joseph in the porches of Aughavas church and Cloone church. You are welcome to take one.

Prayer in 2021

Perhaps 2021 could be a year of personal prayer. How about a resolution to pray at all times. Prayer is never wasted. It always brings transformation as God is very near to us.

In his book 'Eternal Echoes' John O'Donohue says, "Real Prayer is the liberation of that inner voice of the Eternal." Let us be silent and listen. Prayer teaches us not to be uneasy or anxious because prayer is the activity of the soul in which the Eternal God is related to each one of us in a very unique way. Our soul is always at prayer whether we are aware of it or not because the Divine is always alive in us and sustains us. It makes us wonder at the awesomeness of a Loving Father who sent His own Son to teach us how to pray. His prayer was simply the 'Our Father'.

It was the ancient philosopher Plato who said, "All thought begins in wonder." Profound wonder can only be expressed in silence as words become redundant when we encounter the Divine who draws us out of ourselves. This enables us to appreciate the mystery of our own lives as wonder is the natural source of prayer. Prayer then, enables us to form a bridge between our longing for the Divine and our belonging to a higher Being.

So let us allow WONDER to waken our soul. Wonder Wonder Wonder. Every person we meet, everything we encounter, every puff of wind that caresses us, every drop of rain that sprinkles us, light and darkness and everything else calls us to more vibrancy and enables us to respond to the wonder of our universe. The wonder of my being responds to the psalmist when he says:

"It was You who created my inmost self
Knit me together in my mother's womb
For so many marvels I thank You.
A wonder am I
And all Your works are wonderful."

Psalm 138
Sr. Abbie O'Sullivan.

Offertory Collection: (19th, 20th June) **Aughavas € 455.00.**
Holy Land: **Aughavas € 185.00;** **Cloone € 195.00.**