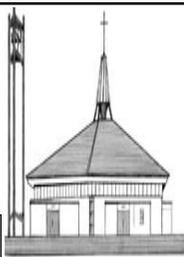


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18h July 2021

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Ester Kelly, (wife of the late Benny Kelly, Coventry, England and sister-in-law of the late John Kelly, Cornagher) who died recently and Maureen Long (nee Murphy), Rathcormac, Co. Cork, daughter of Annie Murphy (nee Mulvey, England and formerly of Aughakiltubrid) who died recently.

Masses

Cloone: Sat. 17th July.	8.00 pm.	
Cloone: Sun. 18th July.	10.00 am.	
Aughavas: Sun. 18th July.	11.30 am.	Pro. Populo.
Cloone: Mon. 19th July.	10.00 am.	
Rossan: Tues. 20th July.	8.00 pm.	
Cloone: Wed. 21st July.	10.00 am.	
Cloone: Thurs. 22nd July.	10.00 am.	Ellen McGarty, Edergole. 2nd Anniv. Lorraine Flynn, Celbridge. 10th Anniv.
Aughavas: Fri. 23rd July.	8.00 pm.	Mary Flood, Leganomer. 1st Anniv.
Cloone: Sat. 24th July.	8.00 pm.	
Cloone: Sun. 25th July.	10.00 am.	
Aughavas: Sun. 25th July.	11.30 am.	

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.

St. Joseph's Church, Aughavas—church seating, (shrine side): As we only have one weekend Mass, it would be very helpful if as many seats as possible on the shrine side of the church could be left for the elderly and for those who have any difficulties with mobility. This is the only side of the Church where there is access without climbing steps. Thanks for your help in the matter.

Active Response to God's love for us: This is the second half of an article by Fr. Frank McAuliffe, of St. Patrick's Missionary Society.

Patience with others

In my early days as a priest I asked a seasoned fellow missionary what are the three most important qualities I need in dealing with people. After thinking for a while, he said: the first thing you need is patience, the second is more patience, and the third is still more patience! It was a wise answer.

Learning to be patient with those who differ from us or oppose us is a very challenging aspect of charity. It is easy to love those who are congenial and like-minded, those with a similar disposition to ours. But to love those who sharply oppose us, those whose personality, temperament and outlook on life are very different from ours - this is a very challenging task. We are all by nature, narcissistic. Instinctively, we tend to love not the other as *other*, but rather the image of ourselves we like to see in others. I must remember that my neighbour is *different* - with a different personality, different interests and views on things etc. To be different is not to be an enemy or an adversary. God created each of us in his image, but he has imaged himself differently in each person. Difference, then, is not a threat; instead, it's a *gift*. It draws me out of my own narrow, inward-looking world and makes me more broad-minded, more tolerant and non-judgemental. When Jesus prayed 'that all may be one', he's advocating *unity*, not *uniformity*. He's talking about unity in diversity; in variety. Indeed, God himself is Unity in diversity; he is One, in a Trinity of Persons.

Difference, then, should never be a source of tension and conflict. But, given our narcissistic bias, it invariably inclines us in that direction. Our Christian task is to redirect it away from conflict, towards conciliation and harmony. We do this by being calm and patient in the way we deal with others, by engaging in a form of dialogue that listens to and respects, the other's views. And if we must disagree - as often as we must - we remember the wise axiom of St. Paul - 'speak the truth in love' - never in anger. If we speak in a calming and conciliatory way we may not change the mind of others, but most likely we'll defuse the tension, and maybe even win their friendship.

Understanding the other

A final word on patience with others. Sometimes in life we meet people who are deeply anti-social. A practical help towards dealing patiently with such people is to try *to understand* why they are as they are. From my years of dealing with prisoners I know that many were led into crime because of circumstances beyond their choice or control - a damaged upbringing, no love or acceptance in their homes, reared in a subculture of violence and crime, constantly treated as outcasts by society.

So we can never, ever judge. Would that we could see beneath the surface behaviour of others and hear the plea for recognition and acceptance that is so often expressed in moods of anger and resentment. If we did go below the surface, we might find judgement giving way to compassion, blame to forgiveness, exclusion to hospitality. Jesus came not to condemn but to save - to save especially the least, the last and the lost.

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Peter's Pence: **Aughavas** € 175.00; **Cloone** € 115.00.