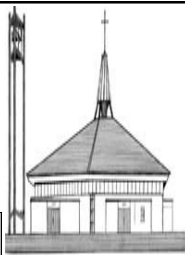


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22nd Aug. 2021



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses

Cloone: Sat. 21st Aug. 8.00 pm.
Cloone: Sun. 22nd Aug. 10.00 am. Pro. Populo.
Aughavas: Sun. 22nd Aug. 11.30 am.
Cloone: Mon. 23rd Aug. 8.00 pm. Packie Joe McGarry, Annamacoolen.
Rossan: Tues. 24th Aug. 8.00 pm.
Aughavas: Wed. 25th Aug. 8.00 pm. Mary, Packie & Patsy Moran, Aughalough and Patsy's son-in-law, Michael Fallon, Dublin.
Aughavas: Thurs. 26th Aug. 10.00 am. Claire Gallogly, Sonnaghbeg, Aughavas.
Cloone: Fri. 27th Aug. 8.00 pm. Paddy & Elizabeth Quinn, Drumhalla.
Cloone: Sat. 28th Aug. 8.00 pm.
Cloone: Sun. 29th Aug. 10.00 am.
Aughavas: Sun. 29th Aug. 11.30 am.



Baptism: Donnacha Jay Boyle, Toronto, Canada was welcomed into the Christian Community in Cloone on Sunday last.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration in Cloone—Tuesday's from 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm.

Thanks: Many thanks to all those who have been contributing to the Offertory Collection and the Priest's Dues Collection all during the pandemic. Thanks also to all those who have made a substantial contribution to the Offertory Collection or Priest's Dues Collection since we have recommenced having a congregation at Mass.

'Little Rascals' Cloone/Aughavas Community Playschool re-opens on Wednesday 1st September 2021. For enquiries, contact Mary Moran (Playschool Leader) on 086 8382545.

NW Simon Community 13th Annual Sleep Out: On Friday 1st October, NW Simon Community are calling on the people of North West and beyond to swap their beds for sleeping bags for one night only by taking part in the Virtual Sleep Out in your own garden or office car park. Anyone can sign up to take part including families, work mates, students, teams, clubs or schools at home and abroad. Register today on the charity website www.northwestsimon.ie.

Moving Parents and Children Together - New programme 2nd November 2021: Are you or your family affected by drugs or alcohol abuse? M-PACT, is a free & confidential eight-week programme for the whole family. If interested or would like further info. please Contact Philip 085 875 9319 or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com. Next course starts Tuesday 2nd November 2021.

Leitrim Adult Basic Education: Do you, or someone you know, need help with your reading, writing, spelling, maths and computer skills? Everyone is welcome to the Leitrim Adult Basic Education Service and we are here to help you reach your potential, nervous beginners are welcome to call for a chat. We provide day and evening classes from September to June and the service is free, confidential and part-time. Contact our Adult Literacy Organiser Gary Burke on 071 9621366 / 086 0455013 or GaryBurke@msletb.ie.

52nd International Eucharistic Congress

From 5th to 12th September this year, in the Hungarian capital Budapest, the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress will be taking place on the theme of '*All my springs are in you*' (Ps 86 (87):7). Every four years the entire Church celebrates a major international Eucharistic celebration of this kind as a way of **promoting and deepening the reverence and honour due to the Holy Eucharist.**

This public profession of Faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament will have great symbolic significance in Hungary, where the Church suffered for over 40 years under communist persecution and oppression. In a special way the faith of the martyrs demonstrates that the Eucharist truly is the source, the essence and the summit of the Christian life.

It was this Bread of Life that gave the martyrs the invincible power of love. Even when deprived of everything, they were still prepared to offer up their lives for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Already for the earliest Christians, despite the most brutal persecution, the Sacrifice of the Mass was the centre of their lives, as testified by the Church historian Eusebius of Caesarea, who wrote: '**Every place where men suffered became for us a place to celebrate Holy Mass, regardless of whether it was an encampment, a desert, a ship, a guesthouse or a prison.**' And in the same way the martyrology of the 20th and 21st centuries contains a wealth of moving accounts of secret celebrations of the Eucharist—even inside the concentration camps.

In many countries, as a result of measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus, the public celebration of Holy Mass was suspended, sometimes for many months. Most of the Catholic faithful could only follow the Eucharist on TV or via live online streaming. **It is true that this painful situation gave birth to many new forms of evangelisation, especially using the modern means of communication, and many families also discovered afresh the meaning of the domestic Church.** Nonetheless, it was also the cause of a great deal of loneliness and separation.

Ultimately, the human heart yearns for intimate, loving and incarnational union with God. '**Take, and eat. This is my body.**' In the Sacrament the Word of God is made flesh and comes to us, bringing the gift of full communion with Him and with our fellow men. Jesus makes himself the Bread of Life in order to fulfil our hunger for love. That is why Saint Peter Julian Eymard, the founder of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, said: '**You will find everything in the most Blessed Sacrament – the power of the word, wisdom and miracles, yes, even miracles. The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. After this there is nothing more but heaven itself.**'

Offertory Collection:(8th Aug.) Aughavas € 575.00; (7th/8th Aug.) Cloone € 460.00.