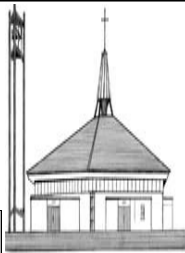




# Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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5th Sept. 2021

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Masses

**Cloone:** Sat. 4th Sept. 8.00 pm.  
**Cloone:** Sun. 5th Sept. 10.00 am. Pro.Populo.  
**Aughavas:** Sun. 5th Sept. 11.30 am.  
**Cloone:** Mon 6th Sept. 10.00 am.  
**Rossan:** Tues. 7th Sept. 8.00 pm.  
**Cloone:** Wed. 8th Sept. 10.00 am. **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**  
Anthony Higgins. 1st Anniv.  
**Aughavas:** Fri. 10th Sept. 8.00 pm. Christina Conefrey, Drumnamore. 1st Anniv.  
**Cloone:** Sat. 11th Sept. 8.00 pm.  
**Cloone:** Sun. 12th Sept. 10.00 am.  
**Aughavas:** Sun. 12th Sept. 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.**

**Weekend Masses in Cloone and Aughavas:** In a letter from Bishop Francis Duffy he says the following: "From 6th September the number of participants at religious ceremonies will be 50% of the church's capacity. The number of guests at a wedding remains at 100 during September. As the vaccination programme for younger people continues, side by side with large numbers of infections, it is important to maintain the current high standard of safety in our churches. Social distancing, face coverings, hand sanitisers, one way systems, omitting the handshake as a sign of peace and communion on the hand, continue as protective factors. While we are not restricted to 50 people in the church, we still are being asked to maintain social distancing. This will naturally limit the number of people who may enter the church in Cloone and Aughavas.

**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.



**Baptism:** Rebecca Mary Farrelly, Carrickavoher, Aughavas was welcomed into the Christian Community in Aughavas on Saturday 28th August last.

**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.

**The Irish Catholic:** The Irish Catholic newspaper is available each week in Cloone church and Aughavas church. It costs €2.50. Please put the money for the newspaper in the Candle Shrine.

**Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path** will be offered on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12 km loop, with a shorter 8km option. **Advance booking is essential.** For further information email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org). Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. F94 N289.

**THE SEASON OF CREATION, 1st September - 4th October 2021:** In 2015 Pope Francis published his ground-breaking encyclical on the environment *Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home*. In it he calls on all people of the world to enter into dialogue about what is happening to our planet, urging us to listen to both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

He invites us to "become painfully aware" of the extent of this crisis and engage in the eco-conversation that is needed to protect our common home. We are invited to join Christians around the world in celebrating this season in prayer, especially in our liturgies, in deep reflection, in living more sustainably and in raising our voices in the public sphere.

We are invited to think more deeply about what is happening at present to the earth, the environmental destruction which now threatens our world and the call to 'eco-conversion'. It is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our place within the story creation and to accept our individual and collective responsibility to care for our common home.

The Season of Creation offers all of us a unique opportunity to renew our vocation to become stewards of God's Creation. Our commitment to the care of our common home is not some kind of add-on to our faith or optional extra; instead as Pope Francis continually reminds us the care of God's creation should be at the centre of our call as Christians.

*"The ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion .....whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them. 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."*

*(Laudato Si' 217)*

*"I wish to address every person living on this planet ...I urgently appeal for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and it's human roots, concern and affect us all."* (Laudato Si' 3, 14).

**Offertory Collection:** (22nd Aug.) Aughavas € 545.00; (21st/22nd Aug.) Cloone € 665.00.