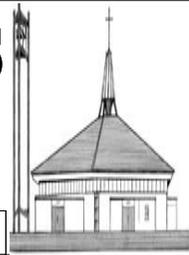


# Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Pray for the happy repose of the soul of** Margaret Gilligan, (nee Longworth) Ballymore, Co Westmeath, sister of Mary Kelleher, Drumbinnish, Aughavas who died recently; Michael Heslin, Druminbawn, Carrigallen whose funeral Mass took place in Aughavas on Friday last and Vincent McIntyre, Galway and formerly of Corriga, Aughavas who passed away in Galway during the week.

### Masses:

**Aughavas:** Sat. 19th Feb. 7.00 pm.  
**Cloone:** Sun. 20th Feb. 10.00 am. Betty & Seamus Plunkett.  
**Aughavas:** Sun. 20th Feb. 11.30 am. Pro. Populo.  
**Cloone:** Mon. 21st Feb. 8.00 pm. Packie & Mary Ellen Gallagher and D.M. of the Gallagher & Reilly families, Drimna.  
**Rossan:** Tues. 22nd Feb. 7.00 pm. Mary Kate & Pat McDonnell, Corriga.  
**Aughavas:** Wed. 23rd Feb. 10.00 am. Patrick & Mary McHugh, Diffen.  
**Cloone:** Thurs. 24th Feb. 9.30 am.  
**Aughavas:** Fri. 25th Feb. 7.00 pm. Peggy & Larry McDermott, Drumerkane. Johnny, Mary Kate, Jack & Gene Mulligan and D.F.M., Camber.  
**Aughavas:** Sat. 26th Feb. 7.00 pm. Joe & William Curran & D.F.M., Aughavas.  
**Cloone:** Sun. 27th Feb. 10.00 am. Mary & John Joe Donohoe, Esker. Matt Boyle, Telford, England.  
**Aughavas:** Sun. 27th Feb. 11.30 am. Pro. Populo.

**Anniversary Masses:** During the pandemic we didn't have anniversary masses at weekends. The reason is that we wanted to restrict the number of people in the church. From the middle of February we will be able to arrange anniversary masses again for the weekends.

**The Diocesan Assembly:** There will be a meeting of Parish representatives of the Diocesan Assembly on Wednesday 9th March at 7.30 pm by Zoom. At that meeting will be discussed

- Youth, family and Lay Formation.
- The limited resources available to the Diocese.
- The fact that this is a synodal journey where, as church, we all walk the road together into the future. The next meeting will be on Saturday April 2nd (in person) in St. Mel's College (and Zoom for anyone worried about a large gathering) and the assembly event, May 14th and 15th (2 full days).

The representatives from Aughavas are Josephine Kenny, Francis McLoughlin and Christy Sweeney and the representatives from Cloone are Olivia Tiernan, Darren Beirne and Eamonn Cunningham.

**Exploring Priesthood—Zoom with Seminarians and Priests:** On Tuesday 1st March at 8.00 pm there will be an opportunity for young men to join in on a Zoom to find out more

about priesthood and to hear directly from two young men who are currently studying for the priesthood in our National Seminary in Maynooth. The event is being run by the National Vocations Office. Further information and registration details can be obtained by emailing [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie) or by visiting [vocations.ie/zoom](http://vocations.ie/zoom).

**World Day of Prayer—March 4th, 2022:** Theme: "I know the plans I have for you"  
*Jeremiah*

The verse from Jeremiah is one of hope and hope is the theme of this worship service.  
**Place:** St. Joseph's church, Aughavas. **Day:** Friday 4th March. **Time:** 8.00 pm.

**Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse** will take place this year on Friday 25th February.

**Fatima N.S. Cloone Enrolment 2022** - We are now accepting enrolments for September 2022. Please email [fatimanscloone@gmail.com](mailto:fatimanscloone@gmail.com) or telephone 071 9636522 and we will forward enrolment form/pack. Completed forms to be returned to the school together with a copy of child's Birth Certificate by Friday March 11th.

**St. Joseph's N.S. Aughavas Enrolment September 2022:** Enrolment forms and packs for September are now available. Email: [aughavasns@gmail.com](mailto:aughavasns@gmail.com) or telephone: 071 9636326. Enrolment forms also available online at <http://stjosephsnaughavas.scoilnet.ie/> Completed forms to be returned to the school together with a copy of child's Birth Certificate by Friday 4th March.

**St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth—The Kiss of Christ**—online introduction to *lectio divina* in a pastoral key over the next eight weeks. Alternating between brief presentations which may be accessed at any point, and a fortnightly live *lectio*, this short course will provide a pathway through *lectio divina* while participants journey with the Sunday gospels of Lent. For further information and to register your interest online (€10/pp Registration) [www.aspal.ie](http://www.aspal.ie). Email: [info@aspal.ie](mailto:info@aspal.ie)

### **Eucharist: The gift of Christ Himself:**

Some robbers came once to a hermitage and said, 'We've come to take everything out of your cell'. The hermit said, 'Take whatever you see, my sons.' So they took what they found in the cell, and went away. But they missed a little bag that was hidden in a corner. The hermit picked it up, and ran after them, shouting, 'My sons, you missed this; take it.' They were amazed at his patience and restored everything, and did penance before him. They said to each other, 'Truly, this is a man of God.' (*Sayings of the Desert Fathers, Chapter 16, Patience, n. 13*).

This story from the desert fathers, set in 4th century Egypt, exemplifies a perfect, literal fidelity to the words of Jesus. We find it delightful, and it makes us smile. We smile because although we find this hermit utterly admirable, it would never occur to us to imitate him.

The purpose of reading today's Gospel is not to make us feel guilty, but to inspire us, and to re-ignite our desire for the Kingdom. We who belong to Christ are reminded today that our deepest desire really is for that holiness to which He calls us. We are here now to express and nourish that desire by coming to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Ultimately, the reward we are promised is Christ Himself; the gift Christ makes of Himself.

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**Offertory Collection:** (5th/6th Feb.) Aughavas € 520.00; 30th Jan./6th Feb. Cloone € 715.00.