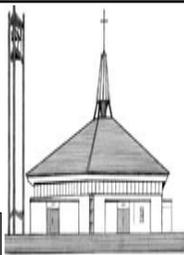


Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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1st Sunday of Lent

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Philomena (Phyllis) Colreavy (nee Farrelly), Cattan, Mohill, mother of Eileen Donohoe, Esker, Cloone whose funeral Mass took place on Saturday 5th March in St. Mary's church, Gortletteragh and Joseph Eustace, U.S., son-in-law of the late Claire Blessing O'Connor, Aughnaglace, Aughavas who died recently.

Masses:

Aughavas: Sat. 5th Mar.	7.00 pm.	Pro. Populo.
Cloone: Sun. 6th Mar.	10.00 am.	Moira Tiernan, Annaghmaconway. M.M.
Aughavas: Sun. 6th. Mar.	11.30 am.	
Cloone: Mon. 7th Mar.	10.00 am.	
Rossan: Tues. 8th Mar.	7.00 pm.	
Aughavas: Wed. 9th Mar.	10.00 am.	
Cloone: Thurs. 10th Mar.	8.00 pm.	Thomas & Molly Keegan, Faughill. Pat & Kate O'Donnell & D.F.M., Annaghbrenehan.
Cloone: Fri. 11th Mar.	8.00 pm.	Denis & Mary Curran, Drumhalla and Pat, Rose Anne and Patricia Cooke, Sonnaghmore.
Aughavas: Sat. 12th Mar.	7.00 pm.	
Cloone: Sun. 13th Mar.	10.00 am.	Marian McCaffrey, Adoon. M.M.
Aughavas: Sun. 13th Mar.	11.30 am.	

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.

Weekend Masses in Cloone & Aughavas: In order to make the best use of the space in the church, and in order to allow people to be safely distanced from each other, I would like to request people to make use of the front seats in the church. Also, it does help to make the gathering for the Eucharist more meaningful if the front seats are occupied and not empty.

Visits to the Housebound: Anyone who is housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Fr. Peter Tiernan.

Trócaire boxes are in the porches of Aughavas church and Cloone church. For more information visit www.trócaire.org.

Confessions: There will be confessions in the sacristy of St. Mary's church, Cloone on Saturday 12th March from 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm and in the sacristy of Aughavas church on Saturday 12th March from 6.00 pm to 6.30 pm.

First Confession: First Confession for pupils from St. Joseph's school, Aughavas and Fatima N.S., Cloone will take place in St. Joseph's church, Aughavas on Tuesday 5th April at 7.30 pm.

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

- (a) Youth, family and Lay Formation.
- (b) The limited resources available to the Diocese.
- (c) The fact that this is a synodal journey where, as church, we all walk the road to-gether 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.

The Irish Catholic: The Irish Catholic newspaper is available each week in both churches. It costs €2.50. Please put the money for the newspaper in the Candle Shrine.

Church Gate Collection: St Joseph's N.S. Annual church gate collection on this Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th March 2022. Your support is greatly appreciated for our school.

Are you looking for a career in caring for the elderly, have you recently retired or have your children now left home? Home Instead Care are always looking to recruit carers. Whether you can work a couple of hours a week or want to work full time, we would like to hear from you. Experience and FETAC/QQI level 5 qualification in healthcare is an advantage but not compulsory as training may be provided. Your own transportation is essential. Please contact Sinead or Ciara on 071 9317051 for further information or email sinead.mcdermott@homeinstead.ie or ciara.hodgson@homeinstead.ie

The AGM of Cloone Agricultural Show will be held in the Community Centre on Thursday night 10th March at 9 pm. All members are asked to attend and new members are welcome.

The Temptations

Lent is a time for reconsidering our feelings, for letting our eyes be opened to the frequent injustices which stand in direct opposition to the dream and the plan of God. It is a time to unmask three great temptations that wear down and fracture the image which God wanted to form in us: There are three temptations of Christ ... three temptations for the Christian, which seek to destroy what we have been called to be; three temptations which try to corrode us and tear us down.

First, wealth: seizing hold of goods destined for all, and using them only for 'my own people'. The second temptation, vanity: the pursuit of prestige based on continuous, relentless exclusion of those who 'are not like me'. The futile chasing of those five minutes of fame which do not forgive the 'reputation' of others. 'Making firewood from a felled tree' gradually gives way to the third temptation, the worst. It is that of pride, or rather, putting oneself on a higher level than one truly is on, feeling that one does not share the life of 'mere mortals', and yet being one who prays every day: 'I thank you Lord that you have not made me like those others...' The three temptations of Christ ... Three temptations which the Christian is faced with daily. Three temptations which seek to corrode, destroy and extinguish the joy and freshness of the Gospel. It is worth asking ourselves: To what degree are we aware of these temptations in our lives, in our very selves?

Pope Francis Holy Mass, Study Centre of Ecatepec, Mexico.

Offertory Collection: (19th/20th Feb.) Aughavas € 410.00; 20th Feb. Cloone € 460.00.