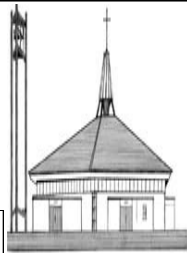




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15th Jan. 2023

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses:

Aughavas: Sat. 14th Jan. 7.00 pm. Mary Brigid McNamara, Leganomer.
Cloone: Sun. 15th Jan. 10.00 am. Pro. Populo.
Aughavas: Sun. 15th Jan. 11.30 am. Michael McGirl, Camber.
Cloone: Mon. 16th Jan. 10.00 am.
Rossan: Tues. 17th Jan. 7.00 pm.
Aughavas: Wed. 18th Jan. 10.00 am. Pat & Brigid Lyons, Sonnabeg.
Cloone: Thurs. 19th Jan. 10.00 am.
Cloone: Fri. 20th Jan. 8.00 pm. Thomas Prior, Drumloughan.
Aughavas: Sat. 21st Jan. 7.00 pm. Vincent Kenny and his parents Tom & Ellen
Kenny and sister Eileen Kenny.
Cloone: Sun. 22nd Jan. 10.00 am. Michael Keegan formerly of Faughill who died
recently in Canada.
Aughavas: Sun. 22nd Jan. 11.30 am.

Eucharistic Adoration: Aughavas - Monday's from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm.
Cloone - Tuesday's from 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm.

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2023: *The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is Catholic Schools: Walking Together in Faith and Love.*

Each of us are on a journey in life. For Catholics, this journey begins and ends with God. Each moment on that journey is a chance to come to know and love God, who has been revealed to us in Jesus Christ. We can feel God's presence when we pray, when we spend time with loved ones, in nature, in moments of joy and when we come together as a community to celebrate God's love at Mass. As we walk along our journey, God is with us every step of the way.

Every Catholic school seeks to help students along their journey, nurturing their gifts and talents. Each student is a reflection of God with the potential to make society a kinder and more just place for all. The Church is currently in the process of synodality, which literally means 'journeying together'. This means that Catholics are called to come together and discern what the Holy Spirit is calling the Church to do and to be. This Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate the unique contribution our schools make to the lives of our pupils, community and Church. As we journey together, may we always be inspired by the Holy Spirit to be all that God made us to be. May we talk together in faith and love.

PEACEPLUS Public Consultation, Mohill Library: Leitrim PEACEPLUS Partnership is developing an Action Plan for Leitrim. Don't be one of those next year saying, "Nobody asked me"! With a funding allocation of over €3million, local groups and individuals are invited to come along to Mohill Library on Monday 23rd January @ 7.00pm. Find out what PEACEPLUS is about, let the consultants know the issues that are important to you and have your say in the Action Plan. This is the last in a series of public consultations that have taken place all over the county since November. Any queries please contact peace@leitrimcoco.ie or call 071-9620005, Ext 544.

Leitrim Development Company have vacancies on the Rural Social Scheme. We are seeking applications from the public to work on the Scheme, Male and Female positions available. This is a farmer friendly scheme where participants work 19.5 hrs a week and earn additional income to their farming and work in their local community. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please call 0719641770 or 0867716896 for more information.

Faith is Precious

In our modern world many people who were born Catholic and Christian proclaim that they are now atheist. On the other hand, many who never embraced the Christian faith have severed all ties with atheism and Marxism and suffered and endured prison and torture because of their conversion and immersion into a powerful witness of faith and love. There have been many heroic converts to Christianity over the centuries. One of these was Tatiana Goricheva. She lived during the Soviet Era in Russia. She was a very capable lecturer in electronics at the University of Leningrad.

In her autobiography, Tatiana relates the story of her exceptional discovery and her conversion to the Christian faith. She describes how she gave up the Marxism/Leninism which she learned in her youth once she discovered the existence of God and His self-revelation in Jesus Christ and in his Church.

For this she was dismissed from her university lectureship and interned in a work camp in Kazakhstan, after which she was deported. But Tatiana wasn't put down by this treatment.

On the contrary she radiated new life because of her new-found belief in a loving God, which gave her new impetus and transformed her whole life.

Why did she suffer so much and abandon the way of life she was educated in and lived up to then? She herself said, "My aim was to be cleverer, more capable and stronger than others. But no one had told me that the supreme thing in life is not to overtake or get the better of others but to love. "Isn't that the secret of life no matter what one believes?"

In the Gospels, Jesus left us two great commandments: to love God above all things and to love others as we love ourselves. It sounds simple but may not be easy to do. At times we can find many reasons why we feel we can't love God because we can't see Him. And at times it may be too much of an effort to love others because when we look at them or live with them, we only see the differences between us. But the way of the Gospels moves in rhythm with the heartbeat of the Man-God who brought the culture of mutual love and self-gift even to death into our world. The truth of every other person lies in the fact that each one is my brother or sister for whom Christ died.

Our modern world is mostly the product of science and technology. Faith in many cases has been reduced to probable opinions. But what is this Faith? What is the Good News? It is the wonder of humankind risen in the Resurrection of Christ as the victory of God. St. Paul exhorted the new believers, "to walk in love as Christ loved you and gave Himself for you". He also reminded them of their deepest identity as 'God's work of art' created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning He had meant us to live it.

Off. Collection:(1st/6th Jan.) **Aughavas** € 670.00. (31st Dec./1st Jan. **Cloone** € 605.00.