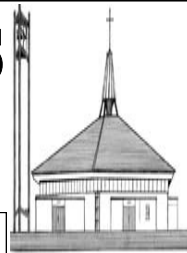




Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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9th July 2023

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses:

- Cloone: Sat. 8th July:** 8.00 pm. Tom, Kathleen & T.P. Lennon and Finbar Brady & D.M. of the Lennon Family, Camber.
- Cloone: Sun. 9th July:** 10.00 am. Michael Gray, Cattan and his parents John & Rose Anne Gray.
- Aughavas: Sun. 9th July:** 11.30 am. Bertie Mitchell, Augharan and Teresa Walsh (nee Mitchell, Augharan) and Frank Walsh. Pee & Mary Ellen McIntyre and their son Kieran, Coroneary. Francis McGovern, Killafee.
- Cloone: Mon. 10th July.** 10.00 am. John & Maggie McKeon, Halls.
- Rossan: Tues. 11th July.** 8.00 pm.
- Aughavas: Wed. 12th July.** 10.00 am. Pro. Populo.
- Cloone: Thurs. 13th July.** 10.00 am.
- Cloone: Fri. 14th July.** 10.00 am.
- Cloone: Sat. 15th July.** 8.00 pm. Fr. Seán Heslin, Drumcauskeen.
- Cloone: Sun. 16th July.** 10.00 am. Michael Fox, Sallyfield. M.M.
- Aughavas: Sun. 16th July.** 11.30 am. Gertie & Michael Casey, Annamonan. Mary & James Flood, Leganomer.

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



Baptism: Ryan Sean Patrick McGovern, Kiltyfea, Cloone was welcomed into the Christian Community in Cloone on Saturday 1st July last.

Cemetery Sunday in Cloone is Sunday 6th August at 11.30 am and in Aughavas on Sunday 13th August at 11.30 am.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival: Join young people between 16 and 35 this August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 10th August to Sunday 13th August 2023. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only and we have buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie

National Day of Commemoration 2023: To mark National Day of Commemoration 2023, Leitrim County Council's Decade of Centenaries Committee would like to invite members of the public to attend a commemorative event on today Sunday July 9th 2023 at 2.30 pm at Manorhamilton's Garden of Remembrance and Reflection. The focus of the event is to commemorate all men and women from Leitrim or connected with Leitrim who died as a result of conflict during the decade 1914 – 1924.

Fundraiser Coffee Morning organised by Paul and Linda O'Donnell will be held today Sunday 9th July 2023 at 11.00 am in Cloone Community Centre. All proceeds in aid of Hugh's House, Dublin who provide accommodation for parents of ill children who are in hospital. Donations on the day or on iDonate.ie Your support would be greatly appreciated.

The importance of what we say.

In the Gospel of John, we hear Jesus telling his disciples, "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life." (John 6:63). I ask myself if the same can be said of the words I speak – are my words always life-giving?

Thinking of words, I am often reminded of the blind man who sat on the hard pavement of a busy, bustling city, his cap and a piece of cardboard placed in front of him, his plea shakily scrawled across it, "I am blind. Please help." All morning, he listened to the office workers rushing past him, hardly anyone dropping coins into the cap placed in front of him. He was not hopeful he would receive much to add to the basic invalidity pension he received. At one point he did hear the clip, clip of stylish heels of one young woman who stopped in front of him, lifted his piece of cardboard and then return it to its place a few seconds later. From that moment on, he could hear the clink of many coins dropping into his cap and sometimes even the rustle of notes. It seemed as if everyone who passed him wanted to offer some support. The man returned home, wondering what had happened. In the evening, he returned to the same spot, his ears tuned to listening for the sound of the heels. When the young woman once again stopped beside him, he asked her. "What did you write on my sign?" "I only changed the words" she replied and told him that what was now written on the piece of cardboard were the words, "It's a beautiful day and I can't see it." Words that succeeded in touching the hearts of everyone who passed and were moved to reach out to the man.

That young woman had taken to heart the words of the Vietnamese Buddhist monk, "Every day we are engaged in a miracle we don't even recognise; a blue sky, white clouds, green leaves. All is a miracle." And she wanted everyone to share this.

Personal Prayer

*Let my joy be always in you, my God.
And let me bring that joy to all who are part of my life.
Let it flow from the peace which you alone can give.
Peace is your farewell gift to us.
Let me work for peace.
Let me search out this week some way to bring healing in my life.
Help me to eliminate from my life all that breaks down peace.
Grant to our families and to our country the peace and unity of your kingdom. Amen.*

Offertory Collection: (2nd July) Aughavas € 500.00; (2nd July) Cloone € 640.00.