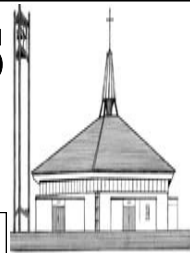




# Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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**20th August '23**

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Pray for** the happy repose of the soul of Claudia Brown, Berkshire, England (niece of Maureen Higgins, Drumadorn, Cloone) who died recently; Michael Coll, Ballintubber, Co. Roscommon, (brother of Mary Nicholl, Edenbawn, Cloone) who died recently.

### Masses:

- Cloone:** *Sat.* 19th Aug. 8.00 pm. Arthur & Mary O'Neill, Corduff, Cloone.  
**Cloone:** *Sun.* 20th Aug. 10.00 am. Mollie & John Lennon & D.F.M., Mount Ida.  
 Deceased Members of the Tiernan Family, Kiltyfea.  
**Aughavas:** *Sun.* 20th Aug. 11.30 am. Kevin McKiernan, Killafee and his parents  
 Peter & Mollie McKiernan and Mick & Mollie McLoughlin.  
 Vincent Charles, Drumbinnish.  
**Rossan:** *Tues.* 22nd Aug. 8.00 pm.  
**Aughavas:** *Wed.* 23rd Aug. 10.00 am.  
**Cloone:** *Thurs.* 24th Aug. 10.00 am. **Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle.**  
 Michael & Kathleen Cashin, Sonnamore, Cloone.  
**Cloone:** *Fri.* 25th Aug. 8.00 pm. Paddy & Elizabeth Quinn, Drumhalla.  
**Cloone:** *Sat.* 26th Aug. 8.00 pm. John Gormley, Luton and formerly Drumhalla  
 and his parents John Joe & Lizzie and his sisters Mary & Betty.  
**Cloone:** *Sun.* 27th Aug. 10.00 am. Peter Moran, Clooneen & D.M. of the Moran  
 family, Gubbs and Leddy family, Gubbs.  
**Aughavas:** *Sun.* 27th Aug. 11.30 am. Claire Gallogly, Sonnabeg.  
 Tess & James Gallogly and Anne & Jerry Cullinane, Carrickavoher.  
 Deceased Members of Aughavas GAA.

- 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:** Elizabeth Rose O'Dea, Drumlegga, Cloone was welcomed into the Christian Community in Cloone on Saturday 12th August last.

**National Novena to Our Lady of Knock**—14th to 22nd August. Family Day—Sunday 20th August from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm. Games, activities and fun for all the family on the beautiful grounds of Knock Shrine. Admission free. All are welcome.

**The Poor Clares, Galway** are hosting a Monastic Experience Day on Saturday 26th August from 10 am to 5 pm. The day is designed to help young women who are exploring the possibility of a religious vocation to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life. If you would like to attend the day, you can book a place at [vocations@poorclares.ie](mailto:vocations@poorclares.ie).

**Ardagh and Clonmacnoise pilgrimage to Knock** on Sunday 3rd September. Ceremonies begin at 2.00 pm. Highlights include: visit the Apparition Chapel; see the Apparition Mosaic and visit Knock Museum (Admission free). For further information see [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie). Tel: 094 9388100. A great day out at Our Lady's shrine. A bus will be travelling from Aughavas and Cloone. To book a seat: call/txt 0868775036.

**Aughavas Parish Improvements Scheme** would like to thank all who contributed to the Cemetery Sunday collections in Aughavas and Cloone. A total of €3,606.70 was collected in Cloone and €3,646 was collected in Aughavas. A very generous collection and once again we thank you for your support.

**QQI Level 5 Computer Course – Starting on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023:** Mohill Computer Training are now recruiting for our full - time QQI Level 5 computer programme. This is a full – time computer applications course. Register now as we only have a few places available. Call 071 9632024 or email [margaret@mct.ie](mailto:margaret@mct.ie) for more information.

**The Bóthar Na Naomh Duathlon Committee** wish to thank everyone in the Parish who made this event such a wonderful success.

**Coffee Morning:** Many thanks to everyone who supported the recent foróige coffee morning in the Community Centre. €1,006 was raised. Thanks to all who baked or bought something and to the children themselves who helped out on the day.

**Church gate collection (LGFA)** next weekend, Saturday/Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>, in support of the Leitrim County Ladies Gaelic Football Association (LGFA). Your donation directly benefits Leitrim LGFA in essential resources, equipment, and training opportunities

### Love Moves Faith

Today's Gospel presents us a unique example of faith in Jesus' encounter with a Canaanite woman, a foreigner to the Jews. Initially the Lord seems not to listen to this cry of grief, so much so as to solicit the intervention of the disciples, who intercede for her. Jesus' apparent detachment does not discourage this mother, who insists in her invocation. The inner strength of this woman, which enables her to overcome every obstacle, is found in her maternal love and in her confidence that Jesus can hear her request. We can say that it is love that moves faith, and faith in turn becomes the reward of love. Her heartrending love for her daughter induces her 'to cry: 'Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David!'' (v.22). And her steadfast faith in Jesus enables her not to be discouraged, not even when faced with His initial refusal; so the woman 'knelt before Him, saying: 'Lord, help me!'' (v.25).

At the end, in face of such perseverance, Jesus remains in admiration, almost astonished by the faith of the pagan woman. Therefore, He consents saying: "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire'. And her daughter was healed instantly' (v.28). Jesus points out this humble woman as an example of unwavering faith. Her insistence on invoking Christ's intervention is a stimulus for us not to be discouraged, not to despair when we are oppressed by life's harsh trials. The Lord does not turn away in face of our needs and, if at times He seems insensible to requests for help, it is to test and strengthen our faith. We must continue to call out like this woman: Lord, help me! Lord, help me!'

Like so, with perseverance and courage. And this is the courage we must have in prayer. It is important to nurture our faith every day, listening attentively to the Word of God, with the celebration of the Sacraments, with personal prayer as a 'cry' to Him - 'Lord, help me!' - and with concrete attitudes of charity to our neighbour.

*Pope Francis.*

**Offertory Collection:** (13th Aug.) **Aughavas** € 940.00; (13th Aug.) **Cloone** € 580.00.