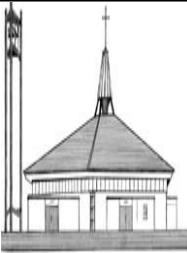


Aughavas & Cloone Parishes



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2nd March 2025

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Elizabeth O'Sullivan (nee McBride), Knockrour West Scartaglen, Kerry (sister of Una Keegan, Coroneary, Aughavas) whose funeral Mass took place in Scartaglen during the week.

Masses:

Aughavas: Sat. 1st Mar. 7.00 pm. Teresa Moran, Aughavas.
Cloone: Sun. 2nd Mar. 10.00 am. Michael & Mary Kavanagh, Cornagher and John & Sonny Kavanagh, Drumnamore and Rita Doyle, Mohill.
Aughavas: Sun. 2nd Mar. 11.30 am. Pro. Populo.
Cloone: Mon. 3rd Mar. 10.00 am. **Rossan: Tues.** 4th Mar. 7.00 pm.
Aughavas: Wed. 5th Mar. 10.00 am. **Ash Wednesday.**
Cloone: Wed. 5th Mar. 8.00 pm. **Ash Wednesday.**
Cloone: Thurs. 6th Mar. 10.00 am. **Aughavas: Fri.** 7th Mar. 10.00 am.
Aughavas: Sat. 8th Mar. 7.00 pm. Jim McGovern, Camber. 1st Anniv.
Cloone: Sun. 9th Mar. 10.00 am. John Joe & Mary Donohoe & D.F.M., Esker. Michael & Margaret Gannon, Drimeen.
Aughavas: Sun. 9th Mar. 11.30 am.

Eucharistic Adoration: Aughavas - Monday's from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm.
Cloone - Tuesday's from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: The prayer intention for the month of March is for those suffering from addictions and their families. We would like to invite and encourage you to come along and spend a short time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament for this or any other special intention you may have, at this time.

Ash Wednesday—5th March: Day of Fast and Abstinence. Mass with distribution of ashes in Aughavas at 10.00 am and in Cloone at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 5th March.

First Friday communion calls to the housebound will take place this Friday 7th March 2025.

Leitrim Development Company are looking to recruit an additional RSS Worker in the Parishes of Cloone and Aughavas under the Community Administrator/Clerical Duties Category. If you are:

- * Interested in part-time employment (19.5 hours per week - flexible hours and days).
- * In receipt of Social Welfare Payment Jobseekers Allowance/Farm Assist.
- * In receipt of/or have access to an active Herd Number.

* Interested in Community Development.

* A good Communicator.

Please contact Karen @ LDC on 071 9641770 or 086 7716896.

St. Joseph's N.S. Parents Association, Aughavas will be having a Church gate collection on 8th and 9th March, raising funds for our school. All donations are greatly appreciated to support our wonderful school.

Cloone Aughavas Playschool / Afterschool - Enrolment September 2025: We are now accepting enrolments for September 2025. Please email afterschoolcloone@gmail.com for afterschool and playschool or for playschool, contact Mary Moran on 086 8382545.

Active Age Group have organised a Social evening out with Dinner and Dancing in the Breffni Arms Hotel Arva on Friday 28th March. All seated for 6pm. Open to all, not confined to members. Booking essential. Bus from Mohill 5pm, Cloone 5.15pm and Aughavas 5.30pm. Contact Irene @ 087 7940 413; Teresa @ 087 6188 795 or Marian @ 087 2733 986 for more details and to book your place.

LENT

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Almsgiving means putting aside money for the poor, and contributing it to Trócaire. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday we receive ashes on our foreheads, as we enter into this time established for the purification of our souls. The ashes is an outward sign of our human condition as sinners. By receiving the ashes we are expressing our desire for interior conversion. We receive ashes in a spirit of hope; hope that the Lord will be merciful. This is the first step on the way to the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance in the days before Easter. Ash Wednesday is to be observed as a day of Penance in the whole Church. It is a fast day and a day of abstinence.

Temperance Sunday

A good Christian, or even a good person, is not just someone who doesn't do certain things, but rather someone who does do certain things, someone who seeks the good, who strives to promote beauty, health, holiness, love, friendship, truth, and so on.

Our Christian faith calls us to focus on doing good rather than simply avoiding evil. That is why temperance is the last in the order of virtues, though it is as indispensable as the others. The *Catechism* defines temperance as 'the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods. It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honourable' (CCC 1809).

It allows us to govern our desires instead of allowing our desires to govern us.

For an intemperate person - that is, someone who permits their impulses to run rampant - it is much harder to see the truth, and much harder to do what is right. One's life is run by emotional drives, instead of by prudence, justice and fortitude. But temperance takes the reins from the urges and gives it back to the first three virtues. In a way, we could say that temperance allows the other virtues to do what they are meant to do.

As with all the cardinal virtues, the moderation and self-control of temperance cannot be acquired in one day, but require practice, substantial effort, prayer and time - exactly the sort of practice, effort, prayer and time that this coming season of Lent offers us.

Offertory Collection: (22nd/23rd Feb.) Aughavas € 455.00; (23rd Feb.) Cloone € 385.00.