

World Day of prayer Service will take place in St. Mary's Church, Carrigallen on Friday 2nd March at 8 pm. This is an international and inter-denominational Global Movement of informed prayer and prayerful action. Everybody welcome.

MS Ireland Fundraising Walk May 2012: Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the recent Church Gate collection held in Aughavas and Cloone last week-end in aid of the above. The sum of €923.36 was raised.

Letting of Parish Lands at Aughavas and Cloone from 1st March 2012 to 30th October 2012. Tenders/Offeres to the GVM Mart, Carrigallen.

Cloone GAA Underage Football cordially invite parents and children applicable to play from under six upwards, boys and girls, to the underage membership registration evening on Wed. 22nd Feb. '12 between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm at the new clubhouse, Cloone GAA grounds.

Anger Issues? Knock Counselling Service, in conjunction with the Irish Association for Anger Management are running a 2 day training programme, "**Temper your Anger**" on **Sat. 28th & Sun. 29th April**. Places are limited therefore booking is essential. For further information, contact Knock Counselling Service at 09493 75032 or log onto www.knockshrine.ie/counselling.

"Leitrim CDB is hosting a FREE Training and Further Education Expo and Seminar on Thursday 1st March in the Landmark Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm. Open to all, but particularly geared to people who are unemployed wishing to see what training/career options and supports are open to them. Speakers include Gerry Duffy, *Deco Enduroman and 32 Marathons*, Mairead Fleming, *The Apprentice* on Sectors with job potential, CV and interview tips, Niamh Brennan, VEC on *Courses, Social welfare implications of returning to education*. Keynote Speaker: Mick O'Dwyer. Local agencies and colleges will be in attendance for one-one advice. Further info. from 071 9650496 or www.leitrim.ie

New Beginners Get Fit Program starting Tuesday 21st February at 11 am for 6 weeks in the Sean O'Heslin's GAA Gym. Learn how to use fitness equipment and exercise to music while enjoying getting fit at a level that suits you best. For more information contact 087 9390980.

Lourdes Sick Assist Collection: Aughavas €660.00; Cloone €400.00

Offertory Collection: Aughavas €640.00 Cloone €850.00

Volunteers for The Eucharistic Congress Dublin June 10th to June 17th 2012: **The closing date** for volunteering is the 16th March '12. Anyone who wishes to volunteer can do so by logging on at www.iec2012.ie.

Meeting of Cloone Parish Pastoral Council on Thursday 23/2/'12 in the Parochial House at 8.30 pm. Our Architect, Brendan McGettigan will attend. All members are asked to attend this important meeting.

We wish to acknowledge a generous donation of €50.00 the Cloone Church works.

Cloone GAA would like to establish a Parish Database so as to be able to forward notes or information on events in the parish. This would be a great way to keep contact with those who have moved away. To be included on the database, please forward your name, e-mail address and mobile number to secretary.cloone.leitrim@gaa.ie

Aughavas NS Parents Association are holding a church gate collection on the 18th and 19th Feb. 2012. All support would be greatly appreciated.

Lenten Blessing:

As we begin our Lenten journey
So very aware of the weeks ahead
And what it might be for us,
Bless our intentions,
Bless those around us with whom
We start this holy season.

Let us not be overwhelmed or downcast,
But keep alongside us
The companionship of Christ,
And keep ahead of us the joy of Easter.

May this season of Lent be a time of encountering the power of God's Spirit drawing us to a deeper and more abundant relationship with God.



Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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19th Feb. '12

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent, a Day of Fast and Abstinence on which we are forbidden to eat flesh meat.

With the Ash Wednesday liturgy, the Lenten Journey of 40 days begins that will lead us to the Easter Triduum, the memorial of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord, heart of the mystery of our salvation. It is a favourable time when the church invites Christians to have a keener awareness of the redeeming work of Christ and to live their Baptism in greater depth. **Pope Benedict xvi**

Ashes will be distributed after mass in both parishes.

The Ashes are an austere and symbolic gesture in which we recognise that we are Sinners and wish to return to God. The words used for the two formulas emphasise this.

1. **“Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return”** (Gen. 3:19). These words of the Book of Genesis call to mind the human condition placed under the sigh of transience and limitation, and are meant to spur us once again to place our every hope in God alone.
3. **Words spoken by Jesus** at the beginning of his public ministry: **“Repent and believe in the Gospel”** (Mk. 1:15). This is an invitation to base our personal and community renewal on a firm and trusting attachment to the Gospel.

The Christian’s life is a life of faith, founded on the word of God and nourished by it. In the trials of life and in every temptation, the secret of victory lies in listening to the word of truth and rejecting with determination falsehood and evil.

Lent is a call to Prayer, Self Denial and Good Works.

Trocaire gives us an opportunity to share with those in need what we give up in Lent.

Trocaire Boxes are available in the porches of St. Joseph’s Church, Aughavas and in Cloone Community Centre. Please bring one home with you.

Pray for Phyllis Duggan (nee Bohan), Drumhalla and New Jersey, USA who died during the week.

Masses:

Aughavas: Sat. 18/2/’12. 7.00 pm. Molly Lee, Carrickavoher. MM.

Cloone: Sun. 19/2/’12. 10.00 am. Patrick & Mary Ellen Gallagher. Drimna. A.

Aughavas: Sun. 19/2/’12. 11.30 am. Frank Kilkenny, Bundarra. A.

Cloone: Mon. 9.30 am

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Cloone: Wed., Ash Wednesday, 6.30 pm in the Centre

Aughavas: Wed., Ash Wednesday, 8.00pm

Aughavas: Thur. 9.30 am

Aughavas: Fri. 7.00 pm

Aughavas: Sat. 25/2/’12 7.00 pm

Cloone: Sun. 26/2/’12 10.00 am Mary & Frank Quinn Mount Ida A

Aughavas: Sun. 11.30 am 26/2/’12 Pat Moran &dfm Keeldrabeg A

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Aughavas: Monday’s 6 pm to 8 pm.

To mark the Eucharistic Congress, we are compiling a collage of all the townlands in the Parish of Cloone. Part of this will be getting a photograph of each townland and also one of the people living in it. Anyone who can help out are requested to give their names to any member of the parish council.

To mark the Eucharistic Congress, we are erecting a stone dome at Aughavas Church. We are collecting two stones from each townland in the Parish. Anyone who can help, please contact Pat Charles.

Other ideas to mark the occasion of the **Eucharistic Congress** will be welcome.

Augharan National School reunion: Final deadline for submission of articles, memoirs and photographs for the book is Wednesday 29th Feb. 2012. Please post or deliver to Michael and Ina O’Rourke, Augharan. Phone 049 4339928 or mobile 086 8134250. The next meeting is on 21st Feb. at 8 pm.

Aughavas Community Centre Committee Meeting on Tuesday next 21st February at 7 pm.

Aughavas Parish Concert will take place in the Community Centre on Friday next 24th February commencing at 7 pm. Everybody welcome.