

Centre on 11th March last. Door takings €1,040.00; raffle €305.00. All monies are used on hall maintenance. If you would like to help out with the centre, please attend the Committee Meetings held on the 1st Tuesday of each Month at 8.00 pm.

Painting with Pastels each Tuesday night in Aughavas Community Centre from 8—10 pm. Beginners and improvers welcome.

Aughavas/Cloone Active Age: A return visit to Mullingar Greyhound track for a “Night at the Dogs” is planned for Thursday 31st March. Bus leaves McCaffrey’s @ 5.30 and will depart from Cloone Community Centre @ 5.45. Please give your name to Mrs. K. Cooney (071-9636873) or George Argue (071-9636061) before Monday 28th March.

Drumreilly Community Playgroup are now enrolling for Sept. 2011. Children from 2 years and 6 months to school going age are catered for. There is still a limited number of ECCE **FREE** playschool year spaces available. Contact Debbie on 087 9565659 or Nicola on 087 7611292.

An important Public Meeting on the new developments regarding the future of the Quinn Group will be held in the Commercial Hotel, Ballinamore, on Monday 21st March at 9.00 pm, as the future success of the Quinn Group is of critical importance to the future of our community and indeed of our economy. All are welcome.

Aughavas GAA Club Notes: Bus to Dublin: Aughavas GAA Club are heading to McGovern’s “The Goblet” on this Monday night 21st March. The Club are making a presentation to the McGovern family on the night. Free bus leaving McCaffrey’s at 5.30 pm, arrival at Goblet at 8.00 pm. Come on time. Contact Anthony Brennan or Josephine Maguire for a booking on the bus. We hope to see a big turn out on the night as the McGovern Brothers have been great supporters.

Lotto: Lotto on next Saturday Night 26th March in McCaffrey’s.

Training: Under 8, 10 & 12 . Training for all underage teams on this Sunday after Mass. Everyone be out. Registration for all players will take place before training. Membership €5.00.

Leitrim Supporters Tickets: Don’t forget Leitrim Supporters tickets on sale throughout the parish with the Leitrim scarf going down a big hit. Get your ticket on time as well as the car sticker. Draw on 26th March. Great prizes on offer.

To lift up the hands in prayer gives glory to God, but a man with a dung-fork in his hand, a woman with a sloppail, gives him glory too. He is so great that all things give him glory if you mean they should.

Gerard Manley Hopkins

Offertory Collection: Aughavas € 740.00; Cloone € 1,065.00.

Masses:

Aughavas: Sat. 7.00 pm.

Cloone: Sun. 10.00 am.

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Cloone: Mon. 8.00 pm

Rossan: Tues. 7.00 pm

Cloone: Wed. 9.30 am

Aughavas: Thur. 9.30 am

Aughavas: Fri. 7.00 pm

Cloone: Fri. 8.00 pm Charlie & Mary Donnelly Drumbore A

Aughavas: Sat. 7.00 pm Michael Blessing Aughnaglace & Manchester MM

Cloone: Sun. 10.00 am Michael & Bridget McCabe Corduff A

Mary & Michael Kavanagh Coronagher A

‘Time is

— too slow for those who wait

— too swift for those who fear

— too long for those who grieve

— too short for those who rejoice

— but for those who love, time is eternity. (Henry Van Dyke)

’For God so loved the world that he gave his only son’

The Alexian Brothers’ Prayer to Christ the Healer:

In the comfort of your love,

I pour out to you, my Saviour,

the memories that haunt me,

the anxieties that perplex me,

the fears that stifle me,

the sickness that prevails upon me,

and the frustration of all the pain

that weaves about within me.

Lord, help me to see your peace in my turmoil,

Your compassion in my sorrow,

Your forgiveness in my weakness,

And, Your love in my need.

Touch me, O Lord, with your healing power and strength.



Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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2nd Sunday in Lent

Meeting of Cloone Parish Pastoral Council on Thursday 24 / 3 / '11 in the Parochial House at 8.00 pm.

Agenda: Progress report on the new roof project. Fr. Turlough Baxter will give a short talk on preparations for the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in June 2012. He will also give a brief introduction to the new Altar Missal which is being introduced at the beginning of Advent. It will include some changes in the mass.

Confirmation Preparation Programme “ You Will Be MY Witnesses” The programme will take over 4 nights beginning on the 23rd March '11 and continuing on the 30th March '11; 13th April '11 and the 11th May '11 when we will have our 'Service of light. Parents are asked to return an Activity Permission Form for Persons Under 18 Years of Age on next Wednesday night. The sessions will take place in the general purposes room of Aughavas N.S. and Cloone N.S.

Beginning for CLOONE on 23rd March '11 at 7.30 pm and ending at 8.30 pm. Parents/Guardians are asked to bring the youngsters to the school at 7.20 pm. Return at 8.20 pm for the closing 'prayer time session' and take them home at 8.30 pm

Beginning for AUGHAVAS on 23rd March at 8.00 pm and ending at 9.00 pm. Parents/Guardians are asked to bring the youngsters to the school at 7.50 pm. Return at 8.50 pm for the closing 'prayer time' session and take them home at 9.00 pm. Each young person is asked to bring their confirmation journal with them.

Message from Bishop Colm O'Reilly:

The first anniversary of the publication of the *Pastoral Letter of Pope Benedict XVII to the Catholics of Ireland* occurs on 19th March 2011. To mark this anniversary Irish bishops wish to bring the following three important initiatives to the attention of the faithful: the publication of their pastoral response *Towards Healing and Renewal*; the new Catholic counselling and support service for survivors of abuse; and, the progress of listening and consultation exercises which have been taking place.

To mark this first anniversary bishops have published the pastoral response *Towards Healing and Renewal*. This outlines different undertakings that the bishops are making on the journey emphasised by the survivors of abuse.

These steps include: **Prayer for the Survivors** of Abuse, including a commitment on the part of bishops to dedicate each First Friday to prayer and fasting in reparation for abuse and the failure to address it adequately; a **commitment to listening** with sensitivity and care to the experiences of those who suffered abuse; **spiritual support** to survivors of abuse who wish to avail themselves of it, including the opportunity for spiritual direction; ongoing commitment to **creating a safer future for children** in the Church in accordance with *Safeguarding Children*; a **review** of Dioceses, Religious Congregations and Societies by the National Board for Safeguarding Children; and ongoing **financial support for the work of safeguarding** and care.

Towards Healing and Renewal also includes ways in which parish communities can play their part in assisting the process of healing for survivors of abuse. In February 2011 bishops, the Conference of Religious of Ireland and the Irish Missionary Union have launched a new Catholic counselling and support service. This counselling service, which continues the important work of *Faoiseamh*, supports survivors of abuse in a professional and caring environment by providing a wide range of services, including Helpline and face-to-face Counselling. Healing Meetings, Group Work, Practical Workshops and a Social Worker/Bridging service designed to link survivors of abuse to other services relevant to their needs, such as the health, local authority, educational and social welfare services.

Over the last year, and prompted by Pope Benedict's *Pastoral Letter*, listening and consultation exercises have been taking place in dioceses. These are continuing and are an important step on the journey of healing and renewal for the Church in Ireland.

Ardagh & Clonmacnois Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2011: 27th May—01 June. - 5 nights—fully inclusive price €699. Places available, please contact Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 01 2410812 or 01 2410811. Pilgrimage Director: Rt. Rev Monsignor Bernard Noonan P.P. Moate, Co. Westmeath. Tel: 090 6481180. Director Invalid Section: V. Rev Michael Scanlon P.P. Cloughan, Co. Offaly. Tel: 090 6457122.

'Cash For Clobber' clothes recycling collection at Rossan N.S. Bags can be dropped in any school day before Wednesday 13th April. Info. 071 9636129.

Leitrim IFA Public Meeting on Wednesday, 23rd March at 8.30 pm sharp in the Ramada Hotel, Drumshanbo, to deal with all farming issues. Guest Speaker is Mr. Eddie Downey, IFA Deputy President. All farm families are welcome to attend.

Thanks to all who supported and helped at the Parish Concert in the Community