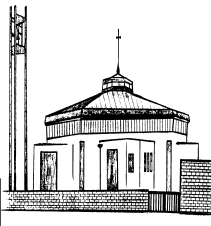


# Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Pray** for the repose of the souls of Anna M. (Cissie) Duignan (nee Tiernan), Curragnabania, Aughnasheelin and formerly of Kiltyfea, Cloone, (aunt of Tommy Joe Tiernan, Kiltyfea) whose funeral Mass took place in Aughnasheelin on Saturday and Thomas (Tommy) Prior, Drum-loughan, Cloone whose funeral Mass took place in Cloone on Saturday.

### Masses

**Aughavas:** Sat. 23rd. Jan. 7.00 pm. James & Pauline Kilkenny, Tooma.  
Pat & Brigid Lyons & DFM, Sonnabeg.  
Peggy & Larry McDermott, Drumerkane.

**Cloone:** Sun. 24th Jan. 10.00 am. Breege Knott, Cloone.

**Aughavas:** Sun. 24th Jan. 11.30 am. Johnny, Mary Kate & Jack Mulligan & DFM, Camber.

**Cloone:** Mon. 25th Jan. 10.00 am. Pro Populo.

**Rossan:** Tues. 26th Jan. 7.00 pm.

**Aughavas:** Thurs. 28th Jan. 10.00 am.

**Cloone:** Fri. 29th Jan. 10.00 am.

**Aughavas:** Sat. 30th Jan. 7.00 pm. Thomas Galligan, Coroneary.  
Matthew, Patrick & Katie Conefrey, Drumnamore.

**Cloone:** Sun. 31st Jan. 10.00 am. John & Maggie McKeon, Halls.

**Aughavas:** Sun. 31st Jan. 11.30 am. James McGirl, Manchester & formerly of Corduff, Cloone. M.M.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

**Aughavas:** Monday 7 pm to 8 pm. **Cloone:** Tuesday 8 pm to 9 pm.



**Baptism:** Kara Mary Canning, Cloone was welcomed into the Christian Community on Sunday last.

### The Spiritual Works of Mercy

*'Let us not forget the spiritual works of Mercy: to counsel the doubtful, to instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead.'* (MV1)

Pope Francis continues: 'We cannot escape the Lord's words to us, and they will serve as the criteria upon which we will be judged.... Moreover, we will be asked if we have helped others to escape the doubt that causes them to fall into despair and which is often a source of loneliness; if we have helped to overcome the ignorance in which millions of people live, especially children deprived of the necessary means to free them from the bonds of poverty; if we have been close to the lonely and afflicted; if we have

forgiven those who have offended us and have rejected all forms of anger and hate that lead to violence; if we have had the kind of patience God shows, who is so patient with us; and if we have commended our brothers and sisters to the Lord in prayer.... Let us not forget the words of Saint John of the Cross: "as we prepare to leave this life, we will be judged on the basis of love"' (MV15).

For all of us who live 'in Christ', in relationship with him, the spiritual realm is of great importance. We are all of us 'workers in this realm, giving each other encouragement in the practice of prayer, offering a word of advice in the face of doubt or confusion, being ready to point out to each other behaviour that takes us away from the Lord. All of this is our spiritual work of mercy, something that we tend to overlook or shy away from, believing that all such matters are intensely private and of purely personal opinion. Yet we all share in the one Spirit. The same Spirit has been given to us all. We are all called to be with the one Lord. In him we are of one body. It is right that we care for each other spiritually. This is a great service, a true mercy, even if it goes against the grain of our times. True Christian love always wants to help the beloved to get to heaven. That is our great prize. That is our finest work of mercy. Pope Francis writes: 'It is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her language and her gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them once more to find the road that leads to the Father' (MV12).

**Eucharistic Adoration:** The Adoration Committee of Ardagh & Clonmacnois is developing its Diocesan Team. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting in the Family Centre, in the Cathedral Grounds, Longford on Saturday 6th February 2016 at 11 am (finishing at 12.30). Refreshments served. See poster in the church for further details of how to attend, or contact Parish Office.

**Pope Francis and the future of the Irish Family:** A Conference will be held in the Red Cow Hotel on Saturday 30th January 2016. Speakers are archbishop Eamon Martin, archbishop Charles Brown, Bairbre Cahill, Breda O'Brien, Nuala O'Loan and David Quinn. Email Geraldine [@irishcatholic.ie](mailto:@irishcatholic.ie) or call 01 6874095.

**Ardagh & Clonmacnois Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** takes place from 27th May to 1st June 2016. The Annual Church Gate Collection will take place on 23rd & 24th January in Aughavas and Cloone. If there are any persons in Cloone or Aughavas who would be interested in travelling to Lourdes as a hospital assisted pilgrim, please let Fr. Peter know.

**Aughavas Altar Servers:** Parents of children who serve Mass in Aughavas please return the Child Protection Forms to Fr. P. Tiernan as soon as possible.

**Bingo** in Cloone Community Centre at 8.30 pm every Wed. night with €1,250 in prizes. **Cloone Choir** would like to thank all who contributed to their Carol Singing on Christmas Eve. €425.00 was raised and donated to the North West Hospice which they were very grateful to receive.

**Social Dancing Classes** scheduled for Wednesday evening 27th January from 8 to 10 pm for the next 4 weeks in Aughavas Community Centre. Everybody welcome to come along and join in from beginners to skilled.

**Aughavas Parish Concert** in Aughavas Community Centre on Friday 11th March at 8 pm. Further details later.

**Offertory Collection:** Aughavas € 685.00; Cloone € 620.00.