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‘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.

Ballad Group practice on 9th March at 7.00 pm in Aughavas Community Centre.

“If Maps could Speak” On Monday 7th March @ 8.15 pm– Richard Kirwan, a former Director of Ordnance Survey Ireland will hold a Talk in Carrick-on-Shannon Library on his book “If Maps could Speak”. This talk will take you into the minds and work of the early mapmakers with accounts of their inventions, adventures, endurance and heroism in pre-famine Ireland. Admission is free. All are welcome.

AUGHAVAS NATIONAL SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION ~ would like to say thank you for your kind generosity at our recent Annual Church Gate collection. €486.00 was raised. Also many thanks the parents who helped on the gate.

Country and Western Night in Kilbracken Arms Hotel In Carrigallen on Friday 18th March. Dancing to Sean Donohoe And Other Entertainers from 10 till late. All Proceeds going to S.T.O.P (suicide prevention).

Mohill Community College, Mohill, Co. Leitrim—Enrolment will take place on Friday 11th March 2011 from 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm and Saturday 12th March 2011 from 10 am to 3 pm. If above times and dates do not suit you, please feel free to call to the school during school hours any day.

Aughavas I.C.A. Guild are hosting the County Federation Meeting in the Community Centre on Tuesday March 8th 2011 at 8 pm. Anne Marie Dennison ,National President will be in attendance. Aughavas Guild celebrate their 50th Anniversary and warmly invite all former members to this event.

Aughavas Parish Concert takes place in the Community Centre on Friday March 11th at 7.30 pm. Everybody welcome. Doors open at 7 pm.

A Collection for Self Help Africa will be taken up in Aughavas/Cloone on next week-end 12th and 13th March 2011. Your support would be appreciated.

Ballad Group practice on Wed. 9th March at 7.00 pm in Aughavas Community Centre.

A G M of Cloone Agricultural Show will be held on Tues. 8th March ‘11 in the Community Centre at 9.00 pm. All Members are requested to attend and new members welcome.

Ash Wednesday: Receive the Ashes..... No Meat Today

Offertory Collection: Aughavas €750.00 Cloone € 735.00.

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict xvi, asks us to offer up our fasting, our prayers, our reading of Scripture and our works of mercy in order to receive the grace of healing and renewal for the Church in Ireland. He encourages us to discover anew the sacrament of Reconciliation and to experience more frequently the transforming power of its grace.



Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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9th 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 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.

2. **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 our churches. Please bring one home with you.

There is also a Calendar for Lent 2011 in the porches. It is a catchy way of telling us about each day of the Lenten season. Each day asks something of us, asks us

what we might do. It is directed at younger members of families but has lots to say to all of us. I encourage every household to take one Home and put it on the fridge door or some prominent place in the Kitchen.

Pray for Francis (Sonny) Kavanagh Dromnamore who died on Friday. His remains will arrive at Aughavas church this (Sat.) at 7.45 pm. Funeral mass Sunday at 11.30 am. Burial in Fenagh cemetery.

Pray for Kathleen Nickerson Novia Scotia, Canada, nee Barden Aughamore, sister of Lena Kiernan Corrigan who died on 23rd Feb. ‘11.

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Francis McNamee, Burton, Staffordshire, England and formerly of Druminbawn, Corrigan, Aughavas whose funeral took place in England during the week.

Masses:

Aughavas: Sat. 7.00 pm Willie Curran, Aughavas. 1st. Anniv.

Cloone: Sun. 10.00 am Michael Forde, Kiltyfea. A.

Aughavas: 11.30 am Funeral Mass

Cloone: Mon. 9.30 am

Rossan: Tues. 7.00 pm

Aughavas: Wed. 6.30 pm Ashes Distributed

Cloone: Wed. 8.00 pm Margaret & Michael Gannon Drimmien A. Ashes distributed

Aughavas: Thur. 9.30 am

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Cloone: Sat. 5.00 pm Mary & Frank Quinn Mount Ida 1st Anniv.

Aughavas: Sat. 7.00 pm Maureen McLean & Jack McLean A

Cloone: Sun. 10.00 am Elizabeth (Leish) McHugh Drumdoney A

Aughavas: Sun. 11.30 am Mary & Fintina McCabe Druminbawn A

Paul & Martin Bohan Killafee A

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Aughavas: Monday’s 6 pm to 8 pm.

Cloone: Tuesday’s 8 to 10 pm.

Gospel of Matthew: You are cordially invited to participate in a talk on the Gospel of Matthew given by **Fr. Michael McGrath** on **Monday March 7th at 8 pm** in Leitrim Village Hall.

“World Youth Day” Madrid, Spain; 8th to 26th August 2011: Cost: Entire Pilgrimage (twin room sharing): €951. Single accommodation also available. **Note:** It is hoped that fundraising will save part of the cost shown. Deposits are now been taken—€350. Phone the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office on (090) 6473358 or email info@aym.ie for more information. Age group 18 to 35 years.

Ardagh & Clonmacnois Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2011: 27th May—01 June. - 5 nights—fully inclusive price €699. Places available, please contact Joe Walsh Tours,