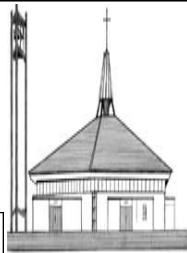




Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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17th Sept. '23

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses:

Cloone: *Sun.* 17th Sept. 10.00 am. Colm Moran and his parents Thomas & Mary Moran, Gortnaraw.

Aughavas: *Sun.* 17th Sept. 11.30 am. Bernie McDermott & D.F.M., Drumerkane.

Cloone: *Thurs.* 21st Sept. 8.00 pm. **Cloone:** *Fri.* 22nd Sept. 8.00 pm.

Cloone: *Sun.* 24th Sept. 10.00 am. Alick & Rose Ann McCabe, Rocullion and their daughter Margaret & D.F.M.

Aughavas: *Sun.* 24th Sept. 11.30 am. John Tiernan, Corroneary. M.M.

Eucharistic Adoration: **Aughavas** - Monday's from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm.
Cloone - Tuesday's from 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm.

Arrangements for Mass in Cloone and Aughavas: For this weekend, 16th and 17th September and next weekend, 23rd and 24th September there will be Mass at 10.00 am on Sunday in Cloone. There will be Mass at 11.30 am on Sunday in Aughavas. There will **not be** any Saturday evening Mass in Cloone on these 2 weekends. If a priest is needed over the next 2 weeks, please contact Fr. John Quinn on 071 9631074 or Fr. Nigel Charles on 071 9631024.

Eucharistic Healing Day will take place on Saturday September 23rd in St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford from 3 pm to 8.30 pm. Day will include: A Eucharistic Healing Cenacle led by Mother Adela Galindo, Veneration of St. John Paul II's Relic, and the celebration of Mass with Bishop Paul Connell. All are most welcome to join us on this special day.

Coffee Morning: The Heslin family, Cloone are hosting a coffee morning in memory of the late Michael Heslin on Sunday 24th September after 10 am Mass in Cloone Community Centre. All proceeds go to North West Hospice. Please support this worthy cause.

Leitrim Association of People with Disabilities: This year's 5k LAPWD Fun Run/Walk/Stroll/Roll Fundraiser will take place next Sunday September 24th at 12 noon from outside the building in Mohill. Please support.

Couch to 5K Programme. Cloone Community Centre in association with Leitrim Sports Partnership are running a Couch to 5K Programme. The Programme will train beginners and improvers to complete a 5km run over a six week period. It is open to all aged 16 and over. The aim is that all participants will be able to run a 5km at the end of the programme. The programme will start on 19th September. It will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6.30pm. The meeting point will be Cloone Community Centre. Registration available at: <https://eventmaster.ie/event/JBEWCpvHRK> or from 6pm on the opening evening.

Active Age Meeting in Cloone Community Centre on **Monday 25th September @ 7pm.** The purpose of this meeting is to confirm names, room sizes required and to collect deposits or full payment from those interested in joining the Group on our 5-day coach tour to the Derry-Donegal region from 22nd October. Full details from Irene Argue @ 087 7940 413; Teresa Slevin @ 087 6188 795; Marian Shanley @ 087 2733 986.

Problem Gambling Therapy and Support Service: New problem gambling counselling service based in Bridgeways FRC covering Longford County. Clinics are held in Cara Phort Family Resource Centre in Ballynacargy and Luis na Greine Family Resource Centre in Granard. This is a free or donation based service to those with a gambling problem or their affected family member. For more info, email gamblingsupport@bridgewaysfrc.com or call 083 2025899.

Mohill Computer Training - September 2023—full time QQI Level 5 and a part time QQI Level 4 computer course. You may be entitled to a training allowance. Up to 390 CAO points available on our full time course. Call 071 9632024 or email margaret@mct.ie for more info.

Thoughts of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) *Memorial 23rd September.

Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer. Do not worry over things that generate preoccupation, derangement and anxiety. One thing only is necessary: to lift up your spirit and love God. If we are calm and persevering, we shall find not only ourselves, but our souls, and with that, God Himself. Continue to be patient - it will all be for your good. Even if the world were to capsize, if everything were to become dark, hazy, tumultuous, God would still be with us.

It is easier to forgive than it is to ask forgiveness.

Interestingly, it's often easier to forgive than it is to ask forgiveness. Sincerely asking for forgiveness requires that you honestly acknowledge your sin, which is hard to do. It's hard to take responsibility for what we have done wrong. In today's parable, the man asking patience with his debt appears to be sincere. He 'fell down' before his master asking for mercy and patience. And the master responded with mercy by forgiving him the entire debt which was more than the servant had even requested. But was the servant truly sincere or was he just a good actor? It seems that he was a good actor because as soon as he was forgiven this huge debt, he ran into someone else who actually owed him money and instead of showing the same forgiveness he was shown, 'He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'pay back what you owe. "Forgiveness, if it is real, must affect everything about us. It is something that we must ask for, give, receive, and give again. Here are a few points to consider:

- Can you honestly see your sin, experience sorrow for that sin, and say, 'I'm sorry' to another?
- When you are forgiven, what does that do to you? Does it have the effect of making you more merciful towards others?
- Can you in turn offer the same level of forgiveness and mercy that you hope to receive from God and others?

If you cannot answer 'yes to all of these questions then this story was written for you. It was written for you to help you grow more in the gifts of mercy and forgiveness. These are hard questions to face but they are essential questions to face if we want to be freed of the burdens of anger and resentment. Anger and resentment weigh heavily on us and God wants us freed of them.

Offertory Collection: (10th Sept.) **Aughavas** € 605.00; (3rd Sept.) **Cloone** € 1,380.00.
(10th Sept.) **Cloone** € 310.00.