

Aughavas Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Tuesday 15th May at 8.30 pm.

**World Meeting of Families:** Those who wish to attend the final Mass in the Phoenix Park need to book a ticket. This Mass will be on Sunday 26th August. Please contact info@worldmeeting2018.ie. or www.worldmeeting2018.ie. Those interested in travelling to this Mass by bus, please sign the sheet provided in the porch of the Church.

**Child Safeguarding Representative:** A Child Safeguarding Representative is needed for the Parish of Cloone. In our Parish this relates mainly to children who serve Mass. The Child Safeguarding Representative is the link between those who supervise the children and the Diocese of Ardagh. This work is a service to the Parish. If you could make yourself available for this work, please contact Fr. Peter Tiernan.

**St Mary's Church, Cloone:** Work on the floor of Cloone Church will be carried out from Monday 14th May to Friday 18th May. During this week the Church will be closed.

**Should abortion be a choice?** When it comes to the right to choose there is a tendency to forget that there is another person involved, a vulnerable person who has no choice and who depends entirely on others for protection. Abortion is the *direct* and *intentional* ending of the life of an unborn baby. It deceives women, and men, by creating a culture where the decision to end the life of an unborn child is portrayed as simply a matter of individual "choice".

**Cash for Clobber Fundraiser: St. Joseph's N.S.**, - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Bags can be left into the school before 3pm & we are very grateful for your support.

**Ballinamore Library**—Thurs. 10th May from 10.30am—5pm. A series of talks on John McGahern's writings. 5.30pm—7pm. Dramatic reading of McGahern's "A Slip Up". Events are free to attend. Friday 11th May—9am: Guided bus tour of John McGahern's Leitrim. Places limited on day to first come first served. Contact emily779@gmail.com if interested.

**Pro Life Talk:** Dana Rosemary Scallon will be speaking on the Defence of the Unborn in the Prince of Wales Hotel, Athlone on Tuesday 8th May at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. **"Stand up for life":** A rally for protection of the 8th Amendment will take place on Saturday 12th May at 2pm in Dublin city centre. Buses will travel from Leitrim. To book your seat or for further information, please contact Angela on (087)7819586 or Bernie (086)8213806. If in north Leitrim, please contact Phil Rooney (087)2209470.

Pro-Life Campaign: Join us for a Canvass Blitz in Mullingar on Sun. 13th May at 5pm.

Aughavas Men's Group Meeting on Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at the Parochial house. All interested in the group are asked to attend.

Leitrim's Health is Wealth—Wednesday 16th May in the Bush Hotel, Carrick. This event aims to promote positive health and well being within our community and will be hosted by RTE presenter Mary Kennedy. Free entry and doors are open at 7pm.

**Eco Conference—Hearing The Cry of the Earth** in the Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon on Saturday 26th May 2018 from 9.30am to 4pm. Tea, coffee and lunch provided. No charge, but booking is essential. To book, email elizabethmcnamee123@outlook.com or text name and Parish to 083 4608546 before 18th May. Speakers Fr. Sean McDonagh—Laudato Si, Dr. Cara Augustenburg—The Damaged Planet and Dr. Lorna Gold—What we can still change

The Irish Cancer Society would like to thank all who contributed so generously to its Annual Church Gate Collection taken up last week-end. The amount collected at St. Joseph's Church, Aughavas was  $\notin 625.00$ .

**Launch Night for the Aughavas Community Calling Campaign** will take place in the Dugout on Saturday 12th May from 10pm.

**Cloone Tidy Towns** would like to thank all who came out on their recent litter picking day in the village and approach roads. Our sincere thanks to all. The Committee are holding a Meeting in the Community Centre on this Tuesday 8th May at 9pm in the hope of getting new members to join, also to get volunteers to help with weeding & planting. Your attendance at the Meeting and any help we get would be greatly appreciated.

Offertory Collection: Aughavas € 695.00; Cloone € 715.00.