

## Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Masses

**Aughavas:** Sat. 23rd Mar. 7.00 pm. Pro Populo.

10.00 am. Michael & Margaret Gannon, Drimmien. Cloone: Sun. 24th Mar.

Elizabeth McHugh, Drumdoney.

Eddie Brady, formerly Keeldra who died in America one month ago.

Aughavas: Sun. 24th Mar. 11.30 am. Séan Maguire, Drumerkane & U.S.A. 1st Anniv.

Cloone: Mon. 25th Mar. 10.00 am. Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord.

Rossan: Tues. 26th Mar. 7.00 pm. Aughavas: Wed. 27th Mar. 10.00 am. Cloone: Thurs. 28th Mar. 10.00 am. Cloone: Fri. 29th Mar. 10.00 am.

Aughavas: Sat. 30th Mar. 7.00 pm. Patrick & Patricia Colreavy & D.F.M.,

Drumnamore.

Marcella, Edward & Katie Tiernan & D.F.M. Coroneary.

Cloone: Sun. 31st Mar. 10.00 am. Mary Ellen McNamara, Kiltyfea.

Pat & Katie O'Donnell & D.F.M. Annaghbrenahan.

Aughavas: Sun. 31st Mar. 11.30 am. Eamonn Brady, Coroneary.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Aughavas: Monday 6pm—9pm; Cloone: Tuesday 7pm—10pm

Below are 7 points about the season. Pick out the 3 which you think are the most important. This will reveal to you a lot about the key elements in your own religious outlook. It may also get you thinking about aspects of your faith which need more attention.

- 1. At Mass the many references to Baptism during these weeks encourage us to reflect more deeply on our own baptism and what it means.
- The call to be generous with our money and time for the sake of those in real need helps us to break out of our self-centred lives.
- Ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday remind us that our lives are short, and that we must always be ready for death and judgement.
- Mass each day or as often as possible unites us more closely in heart and mind with Jesus.
- This season is a time for "putting to death" all that is sinful in ourselves so that we may share in the life of the Risen Jesus at Easter.
- 6. "Giving up" something like alcohol, sweets, TV, trains us to control all our desires and teaches us humility.
- 7. In our turning away from sin and to God, the sacrament of penance is a key moment, so confession should be part of our preparation for Easter.

Cloone Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 8.30 pm on Monday 1st April 2019.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Conference takes place on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 8 pm in St. Mel's College, Longford. (Tea/Coffee @ 7.30pm). The theme for the conference is Safeguarding: An ongoing challenge and a vital ministry in the church in Ireland. Teresa Devlin, CEO of the National Safeguarding Board for the Catholic Church in Ireland is the guest speaker. All are welcome.

Eco Conference (What are we leaving for our Children) in the Longford Arms Hotel on Saturday 30th March 2019 from 9.30am—4.00pm. Snack and Lunch provided. No charge but booking is essential. Tel/text: Name to 087 7858706 by 20th March. Guest speakers: Dr. John Feehan, Environmentalist & Author; Duncan Stewart, B. Arch. & Environmentalist and Karen Kennedy, Local Authority Water Programme. Imput from local groups and some practical solutions will be offered.

The Irish Motor Neuron Disease Association would like to thank all those who supported the Andy McGovern 86th birthday fundraiser on behalf of our association. A cheque for €6,799.00 was presented to our Development Officer, Marie Reavey on Thursday night 14th March in the Dugout Bar Aughavas. This will help us to help others who suffer from this cruel disease.

**Cloone Community Centre AGM** on Monday 25th March at 8.15 pm in the centre. New members always welcome.

AGM: Aughavas Parish Improvements Scheme will hold their AGM in the Parish Rooms Aughavas on Tuesday March 26th at 8pm. All welcome. New members especially.

Cloone GAA will run a bus to Croke Park on Saturday next 30th March if enough interest is expressed. Interested parties are asked to contact 086 0594310 by Wednesday evening at the latest.

Bus to Croke Park: Aughavas GAA club are organising a bus to Croke Park for the Division 4 Final on Saturday next 30th March. There are still a few seats left, first come first served. Contact 087 6935822 to book your seat.

Please join "The Sweet Spirit Gospel Choir" on a sentimental journey Concert of music and songs on Sunday 14th April (Palm Sunday) in St. Joseph's Church, Aughavas for the Patients Comfort Fund, Ballinamore Nurshing Unit. Doors open at 7 pm. Concert starts at 8 pm.

Cloone/Aughavas Active Age: Next meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March @ 8pm in Cloone Community Centre to decide on next outing, based on interest and numbers. There will also be another session of "Go for Life" following meeting. All welcome.

Parish Concert: Don't miss our final parish concert before we close for refurbishment works on Friday March 29th. Doors open at 7pm. Concert starts at 7.30pm.

One Day Conference on Community Supports for Mental Health, Suicide & Bereavement on Saturday next 30<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30—4.30pm in The Lough Allen Hotel, Drumshanbo. The aim of the conference is to provide practical tools and training for members of the community who would like to become better at supporting those who are struggling.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Aughavas € 550.00; **Cloone** € 650.00.