

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses:

Aughavas: Sat. 15th Feb. 7.00 pm. Mary Brigid McNamara, Leganomer. M.M. Cloone: Sun. 16th Feb. 10.00 am. "Do This in Memory" John & Maureen Clancy, Faughill. Aughavas: Sun. 16th Feb. 11.30 am. Charlie O'Rourke, Aughalough. 1st Anniv. Mary Charles, Seattle, late of Aughalough who died on 2nd August 2019 and her brother Seán Charles who died in January in England. 10.00 am. Pro Populo. Cloone: Mon. 17th Feb. **Rossan:** Tues. 18th Feb. 7.00 pm. Aughavas: Wed. 19th Feb. 10.00 am Cloone: Thurs. 20th Feb. 10.00 am. Aughavas: Sat. 22nd Feb. 7.00 pm. Sean Connolly, Meiltron & Dan O'Sullivan, Bantry. Jimmy & Pauline Kilkenny, Tooma. Cloone: Sun. 23rd Feb. 10.00 am. Denis & Mary Curran, Drumhalla. John Charlie Bohan, Drumhalla. Aughavas: Sun 23rd Feb. 11.30 am. Patrick & Mary Gallogly, Drumshanbo Nth. Packie & Mary McHugh, Diffen.

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

Holy Hour for Men this Sunday 16th February at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Church Aughavas church with tea and chat afterwards in the parochial house. This is a chance for men to come together to pray and support each other in the Faith.

Aughavas Parish Finance Committee: There will be a Meeting of this Committee in the Parish rooms at 8.00 pm on this Monday 17th February.

Aughavas Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on this Tuesday 18th February at 8.30 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration Committee for St. Joseph's Church, Aughavas will meet in the Parish Rooms at 8.00 pm on Thursday 20th February.

Cloone Parish Finance Committee: There will be a Meeting of this Committee in the Parish House at 8.00 pm on Monday 24th February.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April—Oct 2020: 7 night stay and airport shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel: 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

Monastic Day Retreat—Saturday 21st March from 9 am to 5 pm. Talks: Monasticism, Monastic Saints, Life in a Contemporary Monastery. Donation only. Participate in the Divine Office and Adoration. Lunch provided. All welcome.

Monastic Experience—16th to 18th April. Opportunity for women discerning Religious Life to experience life in our monastery. Contact Mother Prioress, St. Benedict's Priory, The Mount, Cobh, Co. Cork. Tel: 021 4811354. Email cobhtyburnconvent@gmail..com. Booking essential for both events as places are limited.

Priory Institute—Lent Online Retreat: Free 3 day online retreat focusing on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The retreat is available on line throughout Lent. This Lent retreat is offered entirely online with one introductory video and three videos reflecting on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The video reflections will be available from the first day of Lent to watch at your convenience. Register now, prioryinstitute.com or call 01 4048124.

Dalgan Contemplative Retreat 2020—St Columban's , Dalgan Park, Navan: The total cost of the retreat is €550 per person. A 20% discount for lay people is available. Registration takes place on Sunday, May 10th from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm. The retreat begins at 7.30 pm and ends on Sunday morning May 17th with morning Liturgy and breakfast. Email: pgdooher@gmail.com. Phone +353(0) 46 902 1525, Ext. 332. Early booking recommended.

The I.H.C.P.T. (the organisation that brings special needs children to Lourdes at Eastertime) is holding its Annual Church Gate Collection on next Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February at St. Joseph's Church, Aughavas. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Yoga Classes: Due to the success of the new yoga classes at Cloone Community Centre, we will be running another 6 week block of yoga classes, Monday nights, 7-8pm, starting on February 24th. If you would like to try a drop in class to see if you like it, come along on February 17th to give it a go! All levels welcome! Further details and prices on Cloone Community Centre Facebook Page.

The Experiences and challenges of Families:

[•] At the risk of oversimplifying, we might say that we live in a culture which pressures young people not to start a family, because they lack possibilities for the future. Yet this same culture presents others with so many options that they too are dissuaded from starting a family.' In some countries, many young persons 'postpone a wedding for economic reasons, work or study. Some do so for other reasons, such as the influence of ideologies which devalue marriage and family, the desire to avoid the failures of other couples, the fear of something they consider too important and sacred, the social opportunities and economic benefits associated with simply living together, a purely emotional and romantic conception of love, the fear of losing their freedom and independence, and the rejection of something conceived as purely institutional and bureaucratic.' We need to find the right language, arguments and forms of witness that can help us reach the hearts of young people, appealing to their capacity for generosity, commitment, love and even heroism, and in this way inviting them to take up the challenge of marriage with enthusiasm and courage. **Pope Francis.**

Offertory Collection: (Sun. 9th Feb.) Aughavas € 530.00; Cloone € 315.00.