

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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<u>Weekday Masses in Cloone and Aughavas</u>: People may attend Mass on weekdays in Cloone and Aughavas. It will be the responsibility of those attending Mass to sanitise the area which they are occupying. This will mean that those attending will need to bring their own sanitising wipes and take care of the area which they are occupying.

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

**St. Joseph's Church, Aughavas—church seating, (shrine side):** As we only have one weekend Mass, it would be very helpful if as many seats as possible on the shrine side of the church could be left for the elderly and for those who have any difficulties with mobility. This is the only side of the Church where there is access without climbing steps. Thanks for your help in the matter.

**Thanks:** Many thanks to all those who have been contributing to the Offertory Collection and the Priest's Dues Collection all during the pandemic. Thanks also to all those who have made a substantial contribution to the Offertory Collection or Priest's Dues Collection since we have recommenced having a congregation at Mass.

**The sick and housebound:** Those who are housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact Fr. Peter Tiernan or ask a member of the family to contact me.

**Youth 2000:** "This year the Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place ONLINE and IN PERSON! The festival is primarily taking place ONLINE! All talks, testimonies, Liturgies, prayer and worship will take place online for the course of the weekend and it is here that you can watch, engage with and participate in the Summer Festival in its entirety. However, in line with government and church regulations, this year we are able to add in person elements once again to our Summer Festival. These in person elements will be held at multiple satellite locations around Ireland with slightly different formats in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to ensure that all activities are in line with relevant government regulations there. For all information and to register please visit www.youth2000.ie "

**Aughavas Parish Improvements Scheme** have a vacancy at present in Cloone Community Centre. Details for application are on JobsIreland.ie. If you are interested and think you qualify please contact Intreo Office in Carrick on Shannon tel:0719650070. Please note that Garda Vetting is required.

**Leitrim Development Company** are currently looking for Rural Social Scheme Workers Male or Female in the Cloone Area. Anyone on Jobseekers Allowance or Farm Assist are suitable to apply and by doing so can Boost their Payment. Also if you are interested in the Scheme but do Not have a Herd Number, you are allowed to use a Spouse's, Brother, Sister, Father or Mother's Herd Number to apply. For further information contact 071 9641770 or 086 7716896.

**Aughavas GAA Lotto:** Next draw on August 8th. Jackpot €3,800. You can play online. Link on Facebook Aughavas GAA. Envelopes are available locally from club members. Congratulations to our Senior team and management on gaining Intermediate status for 2021.

Letter from Bishop Francis in relation to First Holy Communion and Confirmation: I am acutely aware that young people and families have been looking forward for some time to the Sacramental celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Some parishioners have understandably expressed their disappointment with the ongoing postponement. This is especially the case because our church buildings have been consistently maintained as safe places throughout the coronavirus pandemic, and this high standard is a result of your dedicated and ongoing hard work, and that of your parish committees.

Over the last few months we have had an impressive uptake in vaccines, this is particularly timely as schools prepare to reopen in a few weeks. To preserve the benefit our collective sacrifices to date, I believe that it is important to continue to follow official public health advice in relation to gatherings in the face of the continuing pandemic. I am, therefore, asking all of our parishes to observe the current guidelines and to wait until the appropriate time to hold these ceremonies.

Hopefully, as the vaccination programme advances, the time will come very soon, to celebrate these important and joyful Sacramental occasions.

With every good wish,

Francis Duffy Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois

**Offertory Collection:**(25th July) **Aughavas €** 595.00; (24th, 25th July) **Cloone €** 285.00.