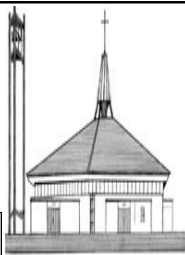


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13th Mar. 2022

2nd Sunday of Lent

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Margaret Cunningham, Doogra whose funeral Mass took place in Aughavas on Monday last; Mary Rose Beamont (nee Donohoe) late of Aughnaglace who died in Wales on 12th February; Ann Sweeney, Ballina, Co. Mayo, sister of Ben Kilgannon, Aughakiltubrid, whose funeral took place during the week and Angela Gannon (nee Carroll), Longford, wife of Paddy Joe Gannon, Longford and formerly of Sunnaghmore who died recently.

Masses:

Aughavas: Sat. 12th Mar.	7.00 pm.	Pro. Populo.
Cloone: Sun. 13th Mar.	10.00 am.	Marian McCaffrey, Aloon. M.M.
Aughavas: Sun. 13th Mar.	11.30 am.	Frank & Margaret Kilkenny, Bundarra.
Cloone: Mon. 14th Mar.	8.00 pm.	Jim Gray, Rocullion. M.M.
Rossan: Tues. 15th Mar.	7.00 pm.	
Aughavas: Wed. 16th Mar.	7.00 pm.	Eve. of St. Patrick's Day.
Cloone: Thurs. 17th Mar.	10.00 am.	St. Patrick's Day.
Aughavas: Thurs. 17th Mar.	11.30 am.	St. Patrick's Day.
Cloone: Fri. 18th Mar.	8.00 pm.	Brigid McNamara, Camber, Cloone. Sean Cooke, Drumlegga.
Aughavas: Sat. 19th Mar.	7.00 pm.	Michael Heslin, Druminbawn. M.M. and the Anniv. of Eddie & Mary Heslin, Druminbawn.
Cloone: Sun. 20th Mar.	10.00 am.	Michael & Margaret Gannon & D.M. of the Gannon and McCabe families, Drimeen. Michael & Brigid McCabe, Corduff.
Aughavas: Sun. 20th Mar.	11.30 am.	

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.

First Confession: First Confession for pupils from St. Joseph's school, Aughavas and Fatima N.S., Cloone will take place in St. Joseph's church, Aughavas on Tuesday 5th April at 7.30 pm.

Trócaire Lenten Appeal: Focusing on the challenges of climate change and Covid-facing Zimbabweans:

Trócaire launched its Lenten Appeal on Ash Wednesday and this year's appeal is focusing on the challenges facing people in Zimbabwe who are facing the twin threats of drought due to climate change and Covid-19. Seven million people living in poverty, especially women, in drought-prone southern Zimbabwe have been disproportionately affected by the long-term impacts of Covid-19. Families were already unable to grow enough food to feed themselves because of drought and climate change, and now these challenges have been further exacerbated by the impact of the virus.

Women, who are primary producers of food, have faced a massive increase in violent gender-based violence since the Covid-19 pandemic hit. Travel restrictions have also resulted in far fewer opportunities for people to earn a living and poverty levels have increased. The face of the appeal this year is Thandekile (31). Thandekile and her young family are facing hunger because the impacts of the pandemic have compounded the effects of drought and reduced the ways for people to earn a living.

Every day is a struggle for Thandekile whose only wish is to be able to provide for her children Nomatter (11) and Forward (8). The effects of climate change, including three droughts and a severe cyclone in the past five years, means that crops are failing, affecting the ability of the family to feed themselves. Even before Covid-19, Thandekile and her family were facing hunger as droughts and heavy rainfall caused their plants and crops to fail. The family would often go nights without eating as food was not always available in their community.

In November 2020, the family's already fragile world was turned upside down when Covid-19 hit. Thandekile's husband Donovan (35) passed away from Covid-19 while he was working in South Africa to earn an income to provide for his family. Left widowed, now Thandekile's greatest fear is that she will die from Covid-19 or hunger and there will be no one to look after her children. Trócaire has been working in Zimbabwe since 1980 in areas such as humanitarian aid, food security, women's empowerment and human rights issues. In Thandekile's community, Trócaire operates community gardens with its partner Caritas Bulawayo in which locals can plant vegetables, store seeds and learn about watershed management and planting methods. The garden is also used for Covid-19 awareness training.

Lenten Campaign and Ukraine: The crisis in Ukraine is a devastating humanitarian disaster, which people in Ireland are responding to with deep compassion.

The most effective way to provide support to the people of Ukraine and Poland, like Trócaire. Trócaire is working with Caritas Ukraine and Caritas Poland, who are supporting people both within Ukraine and people who have managed to cross the border. They are providing shelter and essential supplies, including food, blankets, and hygiene supplies.

However, Trócaire has appealed that we do not forget the many millions of people who are already facing similar crises around the world and who risk being left with no support as the world focuses on Ukraine.

Millions of people in countries such as South Sudan, Somalia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo are displaced by conflict and some are facing famine. Trócaire's Lenten campaign supports people living through these forgotten crises. Trócaire also has a separate and specific appeal for Ukraine.

We highly recommend that members of the public express their kindness and compassion to people fleeing conflict everywhere by making their donations to Trócaire's Ukraine appeal in addition to their donations to Trócaire's Lenten appeal. The generosity of the people of Ireland is deeply appreciated. Every cent and euro donated to Trócaire will be used to support people who are facing a deep crisis and to ensure no one is forgotten.

National Collection in aid of Ukraine: This collection will take place in all churches on March 27th next. Please bring your donation to Mass in an envelope marked 'Ukraine' and put it in the offertory basket.

St. Patrick's Pontifical University—Masters in Theology: Applications now open. If interested, find out more information online at maynoothcollege.ie/postgraduate or email admissions@spcm.ie. Tel: 01 7084772.

Offertory Collection: (26th/27th Feb.)	Aughavas € 445.00;	(27th Feb.)	Cloone € 455.00.
Shrine:	Aughavas € 390.00.		Cloone € 540.00.