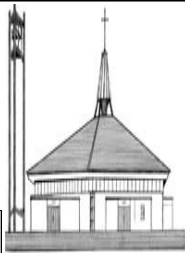




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18th Sept. 2022

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Michael John Mollohan, (uncle of Raphael Morrow, Ballykiltyfea, Cloone), whose funeral took place in Churchtown, Dublin and Peggy Kiernan (nee Mimna), Gortahoose, Drumreilly, (aunt of Margaret Finnegan, SNA, St. Joseph's N.S. Aughavas), whose funeral took place on Wednesday last.

Masses:

Cloone: Sat. 17th Sept. 8.00 pm.
Cloone: Sun. 18th Sept. 10.00 am. Pro. Populo.
Aughavas: Sun. 18th Sept. 11.30 am. Christina Conefrey, Drumnamore.
 John & Mae McKiernan & D.F.M., Drumshanbo Nth.

Cloone: Mon. 19th Sept. 10.00 am.
Rossan: Tues. 20th Sept. 8.00 pm.
Aughavas: Wed. 21st Sept. 10.00 am. **Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist.**
Cloone: Thurs. 22nd Sept. 10.00 am.
Cloone: Sat. 24th Sept. 8.00 pm.
Cloone: Sun. 25th Sept. 10.00 am. John Joe, Mary & John Donohue, Rocullion.
Aughavas: Sun. 25th Sept. 11.30 am. John & Brigid Sweeney, Gurteen.
 Paddy Joe McKiernan & D.F.M., Drumkerrib.
 John Eddie & Alice McCabe, Drumminbawn.

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

Friday 23rd September is the Feast of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio).



SEASON OF CREATION

(Season of Creation 3 – Luke 16:1-13)
By Jane Mellett

If you think that all the parables of Jesus are pleasant stories about people of integrity, then today's gospel might make you think again. In this story, a manager has been given his notice by his CEO and decides, while he still can, to even up the tables for those who are struggling to pay their debts to the company. He uses the power he still has to change the future for these debtors – and for himself. He is happy to make better arrangements for the debtors. The manager is free-spirited, a bit of a scoundrel yes, but Jesus liked scoundrels, once their efforts were put to good use. The only value the money really has is in the way it is used. He is squandering money, but he is not squandering opportunities.

When it comes to the reality of our environmental crisis, change is urgently needed at all levels of society. The science is clear: our world is warming because of human activity, giving rise to drought, famine, devastating wildfires, extreme weather events, a rise in sea levels and the displacement of millions of people. There is an urgent hunger crisis affecting 13 million people in the Horn of Africa at present, due to a drought fuelled by climate

change. On our current trajectory, many parts of our world will be uninhabitable in the decades to come. Climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing our world today, and it has grave implications for many aspects of our lives: environmental, social, economic and political. We know that just a hundred fossil fuel companies are responsible for 70% of the carbon emissions which drive this crisis. These corporations care little for future generations. Young people are standing up to such systems, however, calling them to account, engaging in political action and challenging all of us to raise our voices for our common home. The youth climate movement tells us that change is coming whether we like it or not! They, like the manager in today's parable, are inviting us to 'holy mischief'.

In 'Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis inspires us by reminding us of our vocation to protect God's handiwork. He says, Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." (Laudato Si' §217). Pope Francis reminds us that we can all do something to solve the world's problems, that each of us have a role to play, using our gifts and talents. Pope Francis tells us to never underestimate the power of small actions, those things we do in our daily lives in our homes, schools and parishes to try to live more sustainably, to walk more gently on this earth. These small actions have a ripple affect across a community and can become experiences of grace. They witness to a greater vision for our world. Let's start this conversation in this parish / diocese. We could become an ecoparish through Eco-Congregation Ireland; we could try to achieve the Laudato Si' Goals; we could join forces with local eco-groups / schools to find out about the actions we can take. Greta Thunberg tells us, "hope is found in action, if you want to find hope, look for action, then the hope will come".

The theme for this year's Season of Creation is "Listen to the 11 Voice of Creation". One of the first things we can do is to spend more time in nature, fall in love again with the earth, so that we will be inspired to protect it, giving glory to God, the Creator. St. Francis' of Assisi, pray for us.

Hospice Coffee Morning Fundraiser in Aughavas National School: Coffee Morning to raise funds for North West Hospice will be held in Aughavas National School directly after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 25th September. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Learn to play Bridge: Beginners Classes starting Thursday September 22nd at 7.30pm in Cloone Community Centre. Contact Mary Brady on 086 3093800.

Are you looking for a career in caring for the elderly, have you recently retired or have your children now left home? Home Instead are always looking to recruit carers. Whether you can work a couple of hours a week or want to work full time, we would like to hear from you. Experience and FETAC/QQI level 5 qualification in healthcare is an advantage but not compulsory. Please contact Sinead or Ciara on 071 9317051 for further information or via email: recruitment-admin.sligo@homeinstead.ie

Thank you: A big thank you to everyone who donated, baked and helped out at the recent Coffee Morning in aid of St Luke's. A staggering €4,375 was raised. The hospital were thrilled and wish to acknowledge everyone who contributed in any way. A great morning was had by all.

Active Age: Meeting in Cloone Community Centre on Thursday 22nd September @ 8pm to collect deposits and confirm details for 5 day Coach trip, staying at Tulfarris Hotel and Golf Resort Blessington Wicklow - 23rd to 27th October. (Non - members welcome, only 2 rooms left).

Offerory Collection: (4th Sept.) Aughavas € 435.00; (3rd/4th Sept.) Cloone € 795.00.