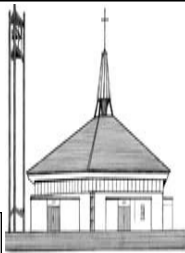


# Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Pray for** the happy repose of the soul of Eilis Bohan, Woodbury, Connecticut, USA and formerly from Carrickavoher, Aughavas who died on Wednesday 7th June and Michael Fox, Sallyfield whose funeral took place in Cloone on Wednesday last.

### Masses:

- Aughavas:** Sat. 17th June. 8.00 pm. Pro. Populo.  
**Cloone:** Sun. 18th June. 10.00 am. Evelyn McVeigh, Fearglass, Mohill. M.M.  
**Aughavas:** Sun. 18th June. 11.30 am. Maureen Moran and Hugh & Mary Moran and Mary & Patsy Galligan, Mellican.  
**Cloone:** Mon. 19th June. 10.00 am. D. M. of the Slevin Family, Drumgunny.  
**Rossan:** Tues. 20th June. 8.00 pm. **Aughavas:** Wed. 21st June. 10.00 am.  
**Cloone:** Thurs. 22nd June. 8.00 pm. D.M. of the McNulty Family, Kiltyfea & Halls.  
**Cloone:** Fri. 23rd June. 8.00 pm. Tommy Tiernan & D.F.M., Annamaconway.  
**Aughavas:** Sat. 24th June. 8.00 pm. Pat & Micheál & Pdraig Heslin, Gurteen and Cian Gray.  
**Cloone:** Sun. 25th June. 10.00 am. Michael McKeon, Cloone Village and his parents John & Winifred, Annaghbrehan and Patrick & Lena Maguire, Sonnabeg. D.M. of the McGarty Family, Ardlougher.  
**Aughavas:** Sun. 25th June. 11.30 am. Eilis Bohan, Woodbury, Connecticut, USA, formerly of Carrickavoher, who died on 7th June 2023.



**Baptism:** Annie Rose Bohan, Corriga, Liam Martin Murtagh-Moore, Aughalough and Jessica Marie McHugh, Meiltron were welcomed into the Christian Community in Aughavas recently.

**Divine Word Mission Appeal** on Saturday 17th and today Sunday 18th June in Aughavas and Cloone parishes.

**The Episcopal Ordination of Rev. Paul Connell** as Bishop of Ardagh & Clonmacnois takes place in St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford today Sunday 18th June at 3.00 pm.

**Aughavas Parish Improvements Scheme** has a vacancy for an Office Administrator at present. Based in our office in Aughavas. This is a developmental opportunity, computer experience necessary. Duties will include: Payroll, Bank Reconciliation-Banking on line. ROS- Revenue returns. General Admin/Clerk. Other office duties, as required. Please check with your Intreo office to check eligibility. Carrick number is 071 9650070.

**Aughavas Parish Improvements Scheme** has a number of vacancies in the Cloone/Aughavas area at present for outdoor staff. Please check with your Intreo office to check eligibility. Carrick number is 071 9650070.

**Swimming Lessons at Keeldra Lake, Cloone** - Monday 3rd July 2023 at 10.00 am and will run for two weeks. Enrolment at the lake on Sunday 25th June from 4 pm to 6 pm.

**Cloone/Aughavas Community Playschool** have limited places available for new enrolments. Contact Mary Moran on 086 8382545 for bookings and enquiries.

**Rally for Life** on 1st July, Dublin: The Rally assembles from 1 pm on Parnell Square North. Register online at the [lifeinstitute.net/rally](http://lifeinstitute.net/rally) - fest or call 01 8730465. To book your place on a bus from Leitrim: txt/call 086-8775036.

### Jane's Story

I went to Catholic schools, I knew about God and morality on some level, but for me, the culture spoke louder when it came to making decisions around sexuality. When I was 15, I discovered I was pregnant and the fear clouded everything. I had one aim, and that was to solve the problem I had found myself in. A quick search for confidential help landed me at a clinic connected to an abortion provider. They seemed to genuinely believe that abortion was the solution to my problem and I don't remember discussing any other options. I was relieved when they determined that I was capable enough to make this decision alone, without the involvement of an adult, which is still legal to this day. "By hearing other people share their stories and being gently encouraged by the team, I was able to speak the truth of what had happened to me on that day. My feelings were acknowledged, including my sense of loss. Voices of women who have had an abortion are often silent in Church and in society. This year's message for Day for Life is written by a woman and hopes to break this silence and offer opportunities for hope, healing and reconciliation. Message June 2 That Saturday I travelled alone to the clinic. My parents were unaware, due to other difficulties in the family home that I didn't want to contribute to. I went through the degrading experience of a surgical abortion, and I thought that if I could just get through that day, I would never have to think about it again. I remember feeling conflicted as a tear rolled down my cheek that I quickly wiped away. I believed I couldn't be sad because this was something I had chosen to do. So after the initial feeling of relief, I pushed down the experience and avoided anything to do with the topic of abortion. It was difficult to be around pregnant women and I found the anniversary difficult each year. Over the next few years, I became more curious about faith through the invitation of a friend. I was looking for direction and truth, but my spiritual life was always tainted by the thought that I could never be forgiven for what I had done – somehow, God's mercy didn't apply to me. In the fleeting moments of honesty with myself and God, I knew that my choice didn't make me lose something, but someone. At times, this realisation was unbearable. This led to periods of deep depression and suicidal thoughts, as well as more promiscuous behaviour and numbing the pain with alcohol, food, or isolation. This all changed when I was encouraged to go to confession. Even when I tried to justify my choice, the priest met me with the love and mercy of Jesus. The tears he shed melted my heart of stone. I began to give up my old ways of life and follow His way. On this journey I was introduced to Rachel's Vineyard: a healing ministry that provides support for those who are suffering after abortion. I remember the kindness of the woman that I spoke to, and I knew I wouldn't be judged there. It took so much courage to go on a retreat, but I can genuinely say it changed my life. By hearing other people share their stories and being gently encouraged by the team, I was able to speak the truth of what had happened to me on that day. My feelings were acknowledged, including my sense of loss. I was finally given permission to grieve for the baby that had died through my choice. I acknowledged my motherhood and named my son Joseph. This was the start of God turning the guilt, shame and unforgiveness into a deep love for my son, as any good mother would have. The healing has continued alongside my faith journey. I've taken responsibility for the role I played in my abortion, but with perspective and time, I can see that my 'choice' wasn't really a choice at all. There were other people's failures, and an inability to truly give informed consent as a teenager that also contributed. The option that was presented as a quick fix solution has eternal consequences, and I truly believe that if I'd have known the impact abortion would have had on my life, even as a teenager, I would have made a different choice.

**Offertory Collection:** (11th June) Aughavas € 625.00; (11th June) Cloone € 410.00.