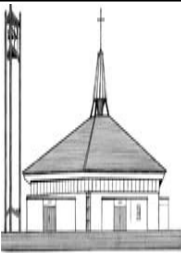




Aughavas & Cloone Parishes



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16th July 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Paddy O'Brien, Ballsbridge, Dublin, Aughavas and Bailieborough, Cavan, (brother of the late Thomas O'Brien, Cornammuckla, Aughavas), whose funeral took place on Tuesday last in Donnybrook, Dublin; Eddie McGarty, Adoon, Gorravagh whose funeral took place in St. Patrick's Church, Mohill on Wednesday last; Pat Lee, Edenderry, Offaly and formerly of Carrickavoher, Aughavas, whose funeral took place in Aughavas on Thursday 12th July; John (John Joe) Curran, Celbridge and formerly of Carrickavoher, whose funeral took place in Celbridge, also on 12th July; Mary Duignan, Crickeen, Drumsna (aunt of Raphaelle Morrow, Kiltyfea, Cloone), whose funeral took place on Saturday in Drumsna and Mary Dorrigan, Rialto, Dublin, (daughter of the late Frank Dorrigan, Annamacoolen and the late Annie Dorrigan (nee Murphy), Gorravagh) whose funeral takes place in Cloone on Monday 17th July at 12 noon followed by burial to the adjoining cemetery.

Masses:

Cloone: Sat. 15th July.	8.00 pm.	Fr. Seán Heslin, Drumcauskeen.
Cloone: Sun. 16th July.	10.00 am.	Michael Fox, Sallyfield. M.M.
Aughavas: Sun. 16th July.	11.30 am.	Gertie & Michael Casey, Annamonan. Mary & James Flood, Leganomer.
Cloone: Mon. 17th July.	12.00 noon.	Funeral Mass for Mary Dorrigan.
Rossan: Tues. 18th July.	8.00 pm.	
Aughavas: Wed. 19th July.	10.00 am.	
Cloone: Thurs. 20th July.	10.00 am.	Pro. Populo.
Cloone: Fri. 21st July.	8.00 pm.	Kieran Brennan, Cloone Village. M.M.
Cloone: Sat. 22nd July.	8.00 pm.	Eileen Mitchell, Clooneen and D.F.M. of the Mitchell & McCabe Families.
Cloone: Sun. 23rd July.	10.00 am.	Rosemary Creegan, Drumkeeran and Michael Creegan.
Aughavas: Sun. 23rd July.	11.30 am.	Maureen McKiernan, Drumkerrib. M.M. Mary, Packie & Patsy Moran and Patsy's son-in-law Michael Fallon, Aughalough and Dublin. Michael & Mary Alice Kelleher and Luke Kelleher, Drumbinish.

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

Cemetery Sunday in Cloone is Sunday 6th August at 11.30 am and in Aughavas on Sunday 13th August at 11.30 am.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival: Join young people between 16 and 35 this August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College,

Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 10th August to Sunday 13th August 2023. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only and we have buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie

Hugh's House Coffee Morning: A very successful morning on Sunday last 9th July in Cloone Community Centre with an unbelievable sum of money raised for this very worthy cause. Paul and Linda O'Donnell would like to sincerely thank all who helped out on the day and in the lead up to it, all who contributed financially and also those who donated cakes. Hugh's House are extremely grateful and humbled by the generosity of the people from Cloone and surrounding communities.

Croagh Patrick Climb on Sunday 30th July 2023 (Reek Sunday). To book your place on the bus, call Gerry Gallogly on 087 6860261 or Peter Casey on 086 1758060 before Monday 24th July.

Faith is Precious

In our modern world many people who were born Catholic and Christian proclaim that they are now atheist. On the other hand, many who never embraced the Christian faith have severed all ties with atheism and Marxism and suffered and endured prison and torture because of their conversion and immersion into a powerful witness of faith and love. There have been many heroic converts to Christianity over the centuries.

One of these was Tatiana Goricheva. She lived during the Soviet Era in Russia. She was a very capable lecturer in electronics at the University of Leningrad. In her autobiography, Tatiana relates the story of her exceptional discovery and her conversion to the Christian faith. She describes how she gave up the Marxism/Leninism which she learned in her youth once she discovered the existence of God and His self-revelation in Jesus Christ and in his Church. For this she was dismissed from her university lectureship and interned in a work camp in Kazakhstan, after which she was deported. But Tatiana wasn't put down by this treatment. On the contrary she radiated new life because of her new-found belief in a loving God, which gave her new impetus and transformed her whole life. Why did she suffer so much and abandon the way of life she was educated in and lived up to then? She herself said, "My aim was to be cleverer, more capable and stronger than others. But no one had told me that the supreme thing in life is not to overtake or get the better of others but to love. "Isn't that the secret of life no matter what one believes?"

In the Gospels, Jesus left us two great commandments: to love God above all things and to love others as we love ourselves. It sounds simple but may not be easy to do. At times we can find many reasons why we feel we can't love God because we can't see Him. And at times it may be too much of an effort to love others because when we look at them or live with them, we only see the differences between us. But the way of the Gospels moves in rhythm with the heartbeat of the Man-God who brought the culture of mutual love and self-gift even to death into our world. The truth of every other person lies in the fact that each one is my brother or sister for whom Christ died.

Our modern world is mostly the product of science and technology. Faith in many cases has been reduced to probable opinions. But what is this Faith? What is the Good News? It is the wonder of humankind risen in the Resurrection of Christ as the victory of God. St. Paul exhorted the new believers, "to walk in love as Christ loved you and gave Himself for you". He also reminded them of their deepest identity as 'God's work of art' created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning He had meant us to live it.

Offertory Collection: (9th July) Aughavas € 1,010.00; (9th July) Cloone € 830.00.