

## The Clones Story

The first St. Louis Sisters arrived in Clones on August 10th 1900. They left Monaghan on the 11.20am train reaching Clones at 11.45am! The Clones foundation had been sought for years by Canon Laurence O'Neill, who was a curate in Monaghan when Mother Genevieve and the first sisters arrived from France. He welcomed seven sisters to a Convent he had acquired for them. He also had a school ready and they were able to begin the following Monday, August 13th with 117 pupils, this had risen to 200 by the end of September. There is a sense of great enthusiasm in these early annals. French was introduced with Music and Drawing, but Laundry and Cooking were much to the fore also, school went on until 2.00pm on Saturdays, and it would need to, in order to fit in all the had on hand. There was a huge number of things taught in the general range and Science equipment was bought in 1906.

By January of that first year it was decided to set up a lace class. Lace was a cottage craft on the wane but Fr. O'Neill and the community saw its potential for the area. A temporary teacher was hired until the "very best could be got" and soon a Miss Harris fresh from the College of Art came to Clones. Canon O'Neill at a Committee Meeting in Monaghan is telling the people that the fact "that she was a Protestant made absolutely no difference as long as she was the best lace teacher available." He greatly encouraged this open attitude in not very ecumenical times, and there are records of the continuing good relationship between the community and Protestants of the town. Several of the organisers and inspectors for the National and Technical Boards were Protestants and their pleasure at the progress of the school is always evident. There are records of many exhibitions and prizes at home and abroad. A report on local unemployment in 1905 states, "*Were it not for the lace industry kept alive by the Sisters in the Local St. Louis Convent, poverty would reign in many a home. Thanks to the goodness of these ladies they kept up the name of Clones lace by manufacturing and exhibiting it over the world. So great is the demand maintained that there is scarcely a family for miles around Clones but has some member earning between seven and fourteen shillings a week*".

The sisters reached out to the local community, and in spring a formal request was made to the Workhouse Board for permission to visit on Sundays. Annals tell of Sunday after Sunday, year in, year out for over twenty years the sisters went to visit until the workhouses were phased out.

But the main project was the school and here there was enormous energy and vitality. "*The Sisters are both learning and teaching. Mr. O'Shea gives Irish classes, Miss Clover gives cookery classes and Mr Briscoe comes to teach violin*". Pupils progressed through the school, Annie McCarney being one pupil who continued her education in Belfast and later became Sr. Colmcille McCarney. Other pupils were called to Carysfort College.

A school, built on Church Hill was demolished in 1984 the slates were taken to roof a chapel in the Home for the Elderly, Canon O'Neill would have liked that touch, given his famine origins and his care for the Sisters in Monaghan and Clones.

*Extracts from St. Louis Community Annals*



## Parish of Clones

Sacred Heart, Clones  
St Alphonsus, Connors  
St Macartan's, Aghadrumsee

Parish Office: 9.30am—1.00pm and  
2.00pm—4.00pm (Monday—Friday)

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19th August  
2018

Twentieth  
Week  
in  
Ordinary  
Time

## Masses and Intentions for the Week

		<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
(Vigil)	7.00pm	Catherine McKiernan, Clonmackin James & Kathleen Slowey, Carraveetra Thomas & Teresa Kelly, Carn Gardens Johnny & Lily Elliott & May McKenna, Beechgrove	
	9.00am	Moore Family, Clonrye Maureen McAdam, Clonfad	
Sun 19th Aug	10.30am	People of the Parish	
	12.00pm	St. Louis Sisters, Clones	
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Mon 20th	10.00am		
Tue 21st	10.00am		
	7.00pm	<b>Opening Ceremony for WMOF2018</b>	
Wed 22nd	10.00am	Frank Maguire, O'Neill Park	
Thurs 23rd	10.00am	John Joe & Margaret McElroy, Tattymorris	
Fri 24th		<b>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</b>	
	10.00am	Charles & Frances, Joseph & Leslie, Benny & Winnie McDermott, Bishops court	
	7.00pm		
Sat 25th	10.00am	Margaret & John McPhillips, Lisnaroe	
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		<b>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
(Vigil)	7.00pm	Liam Rooney, Clonkeencole; Kathleen & Michael McCarney, Clonedergole & Woods Family, Cara Street Pat & Dermot McGuigan, Liseggerton	
Sun 26th	9.00 am	Elizabeth McMahan, Clinagore (Month's Memory) Josephine & Hughie Moore, Teer	
	10.30am	Arthur & Margaret Maguire, Follom Little	
	12.00pm	People of the Parish	

### Priests of the Parish

Fr. Dick Mohan. Fr Cathal Deery.

To speak to the priest on duty, please phone 085 817 6203

### Weekend Masses

Saturday	7.00pm	Sacred Heart, Clones
Sunday	9.00am	St. Alphonsus, Connons
	10.30am	St. Macartan's, Aghadrumsee
	12.00pm	Sacred Heart, Clones

**Masses during the Week:** Monday—Saturday in Sacred Heart Church at 10.00am  
(On days of funerals in Clones, Mass will be at 11.00am)  
Friday in St. Macartan's Church, Aghadrumsee, at 7.00pm

### SACRAMENTS AND MINISTRIES

**Baptisms** are celebrated in Sacred Heart Church on the second Saturday of each month at 4.00pm & on the fourth Sunday at 1.00pm. In St. Macartan's Church, Baptisms are on the third Sunday at 1.30pm.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Priests are available to celebrate the Sacrament with anyone who is seriously ill.

**Confessions:** Saturday, after 10.00am Mass.

**Adoration:** Wednesday, 10.30am - 10.00pm, in Sacred Heart Church.

Friday, 9.30am - 6.30pm, in St. Macartan's Church.

**Deaths:** We pray for Veronica Monaghan, Cherry Park

**Christening:** We welcome into our Christian faith community  
Eilidh Miskelly

#### St. Alphonsus Sunday 26th August

**Reader:** Jacinta Cadden

**Minister of the Eucharist:** Paul Hackett

**Gift Bearers:** Mc Mahon & Moore Families

#### St. Macartan's Sunday 26th August

**Reader :** Patricia Gallagher

**Minister of the Eucharist:** Ella Crudden

#### Sacred Heart Church Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th August

**Readers:** Vigil Theresa Jenkins

12.00pm Joe Kirke

#### Ministers of the Eucharist Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th August:

Vigil Rita O'Connor, Rosemary McMahan, Siobhan Maguire

12.00pm Shelagh Crudden, Teresa McMahan, Anoop d'Couth

**Altar Society:** Eileen Maguire, Elizabeth McDonald, Ann Farnan

### Blessing of Graves

#### Sunday 2nd September:

After 9.00am Mass, graves will be blessed at St. Alphonsus', Connons.

After 10.30am Mass, graves will be blessed at St. Macartan's, Aghadrumsee.

At 11.00am, there will be a Service of Blessing in the Round Tower Cemetery and afterwards in the Abbey Cemetery.

#### Sunday 9th September:

After 12.00pm Mass, there will be a Service of Blessing at the St. Louis Sisters' plot.

At 2.00pm, there will be a Service of Blessing in the Sacred Heart Cemetery;

this will be followed at 3.00pm by a Service in Mt. St. Oliver Cemetery.

**Please note:** In order to facilitate pedestrians and motorists going to and returning from the cemeteries, An Garda Siochana will operate a one-way traffic system on the Roslea Road from 1.00pm until 5.00pm.

### COMMUNITY NEWS, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

#### St. Louis Sisters

At the invitation of Canon Lawrence O'Neill the first St. Louis Sisters came to Clones in August 1900 and set up a school and started lace making classes. Now after 118 years of presence the last Sister - Sr. Loreto Mary - will leave before the end of August. The Sisters of St. Louis take this opportunity to express their gratitude to the people and priests of the parish for the privilege of ministering in Clones over all the years. While St. Louis is still thriving in Africa, numbers in Ireland are going down and the age profile is high.

**Concern** thanks all who contributed to their collection last weekend. The sum raised was €535.00.

**Ever wanted to run or jog?** Clones Athletic Club is delighted to announce the commencement of another programme of the *Absolutes* - running for the absolute beginner - from 7.30pm until 8.30pm on Tuesday the 28th August at The Peacelink, Clones. This is a nine week programme that takes you from absolute zero to being able to run 5km with confidence and it really works!

**Monaghan Charismatic Prayer Group** are running a bus to the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park on Sunday August 26th Leaving McNally's car park, Monaghan, at 8.00am via Castleblayney and Carrickmacross. Bus fare €20 includes free entry ticket. To book phone 087 2251124, 0879318514 or 087 2508043.

**St. Joseph's Hall Bingo** every Friday night at 9.00pm. Jackpots €9,100 & €10,400.

**Aghadrumsee GFC Lotto:** No Winner (2, 5, 15, 27) Jackpot £6,150.

**Clones GFC Lotto:** No Winner (1, 7, 21, 29) Jackpot €6,400.

**Currin GFC Lotto:** No Winner (7, 9, 11, 20) Jackpot €8,800.