

Dear parents and guardians,

You may have seen a couple of weeks ago that a notice was placed in the Parish Bulletin outlining the need to set up a committee to help with the spiritual and maintenance needs of our Church. Clones Parish has gone from having four priests to just one, Fr Jim. Even in the fullness of health, one priest would struggle to carry out the workload of the entire Parish of Clones, so the time has come for the people of the Aghadrumsee to take ownership and provide input and support. At this stage a small committee has been set up to look at both the short-term needs and the long-term goals for our area.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the first week of June, so this will be our target in regard to the short-term goal. We plan to clean both areas around the Church and the Primary School. We are asking volunteers to come forward to provide labour, tools and machinery over a number of Saturdays starting on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

What we plan to do:

- Clean the walls of the church/school with a treatment to clean off the moss/fungus growing on them.
- Upgrade the handrails on the path to the church and replace other parts of the railings.
- Clean pathways.
- The spouting and soffits around the church also need to be replaced.
- At the front entrance remove existing slabs and install better drainage.
- Slates on the roof of the chapel need to be replaced.
- Repainting of the reveals/coins around the windows.
- The weeds around both buildings need to be addressed.

In 2029 our Church will be celebrating 200 years which is a great tribute and milestone to the people of Aghadrumsee. We hope that the Community will come together to help us future proof our Church for years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Aghadrumsee Parish Group