

CLOONE:Reader:Sheila Gallogly.Eucharistic Ministers:Michelle Dimmock & Caroline McHugh.Counters:Seamus Tiernan & Eugene McNamara.Altar Society:Mary Kellegher & Bernie McGovern.

The Vigil Mass returns to Aughavas on Saturday next 6th January at 7 pm.

Parish Calendar for 2024— copies available in the Church porches. You are welcome to take extra for people who cannot attend Church and for family members who are living abroad.

Fatima N.S.–Family Mass: We invite you all to join us for our first Family Mass in Cloone at 10am on Sunday 14th January. Children from Fatima N.S will be involved in the mass and music and we encourage you all to join in song with our children's choir. We look forward to seeing many local families gathered and hope to continue the family mass going forward on a more regular basis.

Senior Set dancing classes commence in Kilbracken Arms Hotel, Carrigallen on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 8pm. No experience needed and beginners very welcome. It's for a bit of fun and fitness and socialising, as well as learning some of the most popular set dances danced around the country. From Kerry, Mayo, Galway, plenty to choose from.

St. Joseph's N.S., Aughavas: The Staff and Board of Management of St Joseph's N.S., Aughavas would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed prizes or bought lines in our recent Christmas Hamper draw. The following were winners in the draw: Fr. Peter Tiernan–Voucher for €25.00; Philip Charles– Paddy's whiskey; Adrian Gill– Hamper; Jordan Cowdell–Hamper; Robyn Owens–Crisps/Chocolate; Paudge Maguire– Voucher €20.00; Cara Bohan–Choclates/Candles; Francis Beirne–Movie Bag; Hugh Bradley– Powers Whiskey; Charlene Kiernan–Crisps/Chocolate; Charlie Brennan–Tea Set/ Biscuits; Anthony Brennan–Crystal Vase; Jason Kiernan–Woman's Prize; Seamus McBrien–Bacardi; Luke Gannon–Hamper; Noel Lee–Hamper; Sandra Moore–Hamper; Amy Gallogly– Hamper; Cian Dockery–Main Hamper.

With difficulty will the mind conceive, the tongue express the most penetrating intuition guess the breadth and depth of Mary's intimacy with God during this time. During these nine months, Mary's interior world must have been powerfully enriched on the physical, psychic and spiritual levels. It must have been unique and ineffable.

Mary lives immersed in a limitless universe, always looking contemplatively toward the center of her being where the infinite mystery of the Incarnation is realised. Her entire body and whole soul were centered and concentrated on her magnificent Lord who was dwelling within her. Physiology admirably describes how all the vital functions of a pregnant woman converge on the little creature at the center of her organism, and cooperate in its formation. While in Mary the physiological functions were spontaneously directed to the center of her organism where the Son of God grew, Mary's whole soul – its awareness, emotions, vital energies – also converged freely and devotedly on this same center, the theatre of the marvels of God.

 Offertory Collection:
 (24th Dec.)
 Aughavas € 570.00;
 (24th Dec.)
 Cloone € 1,005.00.

 (25th Dec.)
 Cloone € 975.00.