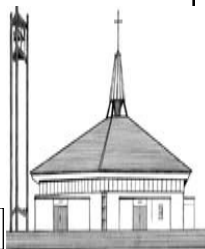


Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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21st Dec 2025



Fourth Sunday Of Advent

Masses:

Cloone: Sat 20th Dec 8.00pm Anne Ball, Drumkeeran, 1st Anniversary
Cloone: Sun 21st Dec 10.00am John & Maggie Mc Keon, Halls.
Aughavas: Sun 21st Dec 11.30am Eddie & Mary Heslin & their son Michael, Druminbawn.
Tom & Mary Ann Mc Loughlin, Carrickavoher. Tom & Julia
O'Reilly & Sean T. & Michael O'Reilly, Killeshandra.
Cloone: Mon 22nd Dec 10.00am Pro. Populo.
Aughavas: Mon 22nd Dec 8.00pm Penance Service, St. Joseph's Church, Aughavas.
Cloone: Tues 23rd Dec 10.00am
Cloone: Tues 23rd Dec 7.00pm Penance Service, St. Mary's Church, Cloone.
Aughavas: Wed 24th Dec 8.00pm Christmas Eve
Cloone: Wed 24th Dec 10.00pm Christmas Eve
Cloone: Thurs 25th Dec 10.00am Family Mass, Christmas Day
Aughavas: Thurs 25th Dec 11.30am Christmas Day
Cloone: Fri 26th Dec 11.00am St. Stephen's Day
Cloone: Sat 27th Dec 8.00pm Lily & Jim Monaghan, their son Pdraigh, &
daughter Noreen Heavy & D.M. of the Monaghan Family, Adoon.
Michael, Catherine & Thomas Murray, Adoon.
Charlie Mitchell, Streamstown.

Cloone: Sun 28th Dec 10.00am John & Bridie Mc Govern, The Grange & Michael Brady, Keeldra.

Aughavas: Sun 28th Dec 11.30am Michael Whelan, Drumgunny.

Rossan Rosary every Sunday morning at 9.15am.

Eucharistic Adoration: **Aughavas** - Monday's from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Cloone - Tuesday's from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Christmas Confessions

Monday 22nd December- Confessions in Gortletteragh @ 7.00pm

Monday 22nd December- Confessions in Aughavas @ 8.00pm

Tuesday 23rd December- Confessions in Cloone @ 7.00pm

Tuesday 23rd December- Confessions in Mohill @ 8.00pm

Parish Calendar for 2026: Copies of the Calendar are 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.

Aughavas Men's Shed, Aughavas Men's Shed are holding their annual Coffee Morning/Kindler sale Sunday December 21st in the club rooms at Aughavas GAA park starting at 12 noon. This years funds are being raised to purchase a new Defibrillator for the Parish. Please support.

Christmas Day Charity Swim for Brain Tumour Ireland, Gulladoo Lake, Carrigallen, at 12:30pm on December 25th, All welcome to come along - to dip, watch, donate or all three!

Bingo continues every Wednesday night at 8.30 in Cloone Community Centre. Extra prizes on offer for the month of December. Christmas bingo Sunday 28th at 3.00 December. Please support.

Thanks: Sincere thanks to the many people who help out in the parishes of Cloone and Aughavas. Thanks to the Choir, Organists, Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Societies, Collectors, Counters, Altar Servers, Parish Pastoral Councils, Finance Comities, Member of the School Board of Management, and the teachers of both Parishes. Thanks to to the parents who are present in the Sacristy before and after Mass as part of the Parish Child Protection Policy. Thanks to all who insured that the Churches were fittingly decorated for Christmas, also to those who open and close the Churches and those who organise the Churches for various events during the year. Thanks to everyone who helped out with car parking and stewarding on occasions of Removals and Funerals in both Parishes. This is an important service which is appreciated by everyone. Thanks to all who are so faithful in supporting the Churches financially in the weekly Offertory Collections in Cloone and Aughavas and to all who contribute to my upkeep through the 6 Priests Dues Collections in both Parishes during the year. Thanks to the Parish Improvement Scheme Supervisor and workers for their work in both Parishes and for putting up the Christmas lights outside St. Joseph's Church in Aughavas. Thanks also to The Rural Social Scheme supervisor and workers for their work in both Parishes throughout the year. Also, the Beirne Family, Cloone who provided the Crib and Christmas tree outside St. Mary's Church.

I would like to wish everyone in both Parishes all the Blessings you need in 2026.

Fr. Peter.

Christmas Message 2025

This Christmas I am more aware than ever of the startling and profound reality that I am a Christian not because of anything I have done but because a teenage girl living in occupied Palestine at one of the most dangerous moments in history said yes—yes to God, yes to a wholehearted call she could not possibly understand, yes despite the judgement of society, yes to the considerable risk of pregnancy and childbirth, yes to a vision for herself and her little boy of a mission that in the words of her wonderful prayer, the Magnificat, would bring down rulers and lift up the humble, that would turn away the rich and fill the hungry with good things, that would scatter the proud hearted and raise up the lowly, yes to a life that came with no guarantee of her safety or her son's. God simply asked her to trust Him and she did. To understand Mary's humanity and her central role in the story of Jesus is to remind ourselves that the true miracle of Christmas, the true miracle of the Incarnation is the core Christian conviction that God is with us, plain old ordinary us. God is with us in our fears and in our pain, in all our joys and sorrows, in the everyday events of our daily lives. In all these things, God is with us—and God is for us. God is our one, true dependable friend who will never abandon us. This Christmas, as we conclude the Jubilee Year of hope, we reflect on the legacy of faith, hope and practice gifted to us by our parents who in turn received it from their parents. It was something they cherished above everything else, the sense of the presence of God in their daily lives. Last week Pope Leo reminded us that the core message of the Jubilee Year, the one important thing is no one should be lost, all should be saved. This is what God wants, this is His Kingdom, this is the goal of His actions in our world. God does not want us or our children to be among the lost. This Christmas as we reflect on the miracle of the Christ Child amongst us, let us recommit ourselves to honouring the presence of God in our lives, to honouring the hope that He brings through the example of faith, belief and practice gifted to us by our parents, and which we too in our turn witness to our children. Lord, we pray that in our celebration of Christmas we may see with the eyes of children, the wonder of your birth, the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the Wise Men. Come Lord Jesus, remain with us always.

Offertory Collection: (14th Dec) Aughavas €495.00

(13th/14th Dec) Cloone €900.00