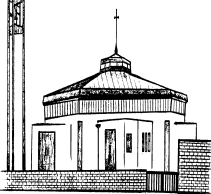




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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pray for the happy repose of the souls of Noleen O'Higgins, London & Cloone Village who died recently in London; Bridget Mahon (nee McGirl), Gortnaragh, Cloone whose funeral took place in Cloone on Tuesday last and John McCabe, Drumbore, Cloone whose funeral took place in Cloone on Saturday.

Masses

Cloone: Sat. 17th Dec.	7.00 pm.	Brendan McCabe, formerly of Druminbawn who died in Melbourne. M.M. Michael McGarty & DFM, Edergole.
Cloone: Sun. 18th Dec.	10.00 am.	Pro Populo.
Aughavas: Sun. 18th Dec.	11.30 am.	James & Beatrice O'Rourke, Aughavas. Frank & Margaret Kilkenny, Bundara.
Cloone: Mon. 19th Dec.	10.00 am.	
Cloone: Tues. 20th Dec.	10.00 am.	
Aughavas: Wed. 21st Dec.	10.00 am.	
Cloone: Thurs. 22nd Dec.	10.00 am.	
Aughavas: Fri. 23rd Dec.	10.00 am.	

Christmas Masses:

Saturday 24th December—**Christmas Eve: Rossan 6.00 pm; Aughavas 8.00 pm; Cloone 10.00 pm.**

Cloone: Sun. 25th Dec. 10.00 am.
Aughavas: Sun. 25th Dec. 11.30 am.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Aughavas: Monday 7 pm to 8 pm. **Cloone:** Tuesday 8 pm to 9 pm.



Baptism: Makayla Marie Maguire, Aughakiltubrid was welcomed into the Christian Community in Cloone on Sunday last.

Penance Service and Confessions in preparation for Christmas:

Monday 19th December	7.00 pm	Aughavas
	8.00 pm	Gortletteragh
Tuesday 20th December	7.00 pm	Fenagh
	8.00 pm	Cloone
Wednesday 21st December	7.00 pm	Drumsna
	8.00 pm	Mohill

Christmas Message 2016: Christmas is a time when we gather with family and friends. Family is about connection; we are connected in varying ways to our immediate and wider families. Some of our family members are in far flung corners of the globe; although far away they are close to our hearts. Christmas is also a time when we recall the story of God's close connection with us, his Son born of Mary in Bethlehem and grew up in a family. The gospel of midnight Mass has this reassuring passage "Do not be afraid, listen I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord". The connection between us and God is very close, he shared our human life and our family life; he wants each one of us to share his life now and in eternity. Christmas reassures us that God is close to all and especially those who are in need of hope. The news of Jesus is good news, it is news that brings joy and peace to all. We had the good news a few weeks ago that Pope Francis hopes to attend the World Meeting of Families in August 2018. It is an event that highlights the importance of family life. I wish you and your family and your friends a Christmas that is joyful and peaceful because of the birth of Jesus, God among us.

Francis Duffy, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois ©

Introduction of Ministry of Parish Catechist and of Permanent Deacons:

Further information on the Ministry of Parish Catechist is available from Fr Nigel Charles, Boherquill, Lismacaffrey, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath on 043 668 5847, nigelcharles2003@yahoo.co.uk. Further information on the Order of Deacon is available from Fr Aidan Ryan, Ballinahown, Athlone, Co. Westmeath on 090 643 0124. Email: aidanfryan@eircom.net. Also at the following website: www.vocations.ie. There are still copies of Pastoral letter in the porches of the Churches.

School Calendars: St. Joseph's N.S. Aughavas 'school calendars' are on sale to raise money for our school and an ideal Christmas gift for families and also a nice keepsake! Your support is much appreciated. They can be purchased from the school or in McCaffrey's shop.

Practice for Christmas ceremonies on Monday night December 19th at 8 pm approx, immediately after Confession in St. Joseph's Church. All singers and musicians welcome.

Christmas Day Swim in aid of Pieta House: The Christmas Day Swim at Keeldra Lake will be taking place once again this year. All funds raised will be in aid of the very worthy Pieta House. The swim will take place at 12:00 noon. Volunteers for the swim are greatly appreciated, as is support on the day. For more information and sponsorship cards, contact Lorraine on 086-3256467.

Aughavas ICA - FEAD Programme: Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances the consignment of non perishable food will not be delivered until next January. Further details will follow.

Offertory Collection: **Aughavas € 790.00; Cloone € 1,065.00.**
(Holy Day & Sunday)