

Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Canon Peter Maguire, formerly of Kilmakenny, Aughavas who died in Leeds, England. Mass for the happy repose of his soul will take place in Leeds Cathedral on Thursday 12th January. Remains will then be removed to the Maguire Family Home in Ladestown, Mullingar for wake on Friday 13th January. Funeral Mass will take place in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar on Saturday 14th January at 12 noon, with internment in Ballyglass cemetery, Mullingar.

7.00 pm. Michael, Joseph, Mary & Willie McKiernan Aughavas: Sat. 7th Jan. & DFM, Killafee. 10.00 am. Michael, Mary, John & Sonny Kavanagh Cloone: Sun. 8th Jan. Cornagher.

Aughavas: Sun. 8th Jan. 11.30 am. John & Kathleen McGovern, Augharan.

Michael McGirl, Camber.

Cloone: Mon. 9th Jan. 10.00 am. Rossan: Tues. 10th Jan. 7.00 pm.

10.00 am. Pro Populo. Aughavas: Thurs. 12th Jan.

7.00 pm. Tommy Creamer, Drumdarkin. M.M. Cloone: Fri. 13th Jan. 7.00 pm. Tom O'Rourke & DFM, Coroneary. Aughavas: Sat. 14th Jan. Damien Gallogly, Carrickavoher.

Eugene Charles, Diffin.

Mary & Phil Charles & DFM, Coroneary. 10.00 am. Sean Mitchell, Gorteenoran. 1st Anniv.

Cloone: Sun. 15th Jan.

Aughavas: Sun. 15th Jan. 11.30 am.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

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

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, nigelcharles 2003@ vahoo.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.

Cloone parish Pastoral Council: There will be a short Meeting of the Pastoral Council on Thursday next 12th January at 8.00 pm in the Parish House, Cloone.

Mission Committee: The Parish Mission takes place from Sunday 2nd April to Friday 7th April. Fr. Laurence Gallagher is coming to meet the Mission Committee on Monday 23rd January at 7.00 pm. The Meeting will be in the Parish House, Cloone. Please keep that evening free.

Parish Calendars: There are copies of the Parish Calendar in the Church porches. You are welcome to take one home, and if you wish to send one to someone away from home, we have extra calendars.

Aughavas GAA. Aughavas GAA annual fundraising draw tickets are now available locally and from club members. Tickets €20 each or three for €50. Please support as this is our main fundraiser event of the Year.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service mobile unit is visiting St. Brigid's Community Centre, Loch Gowna on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th January 2017 from 4.30 pm—8 pm. For further information, please contact Mr. Alan Sloane, Post Office, Loch Gowna, Co. Cavan. Tel: 043 6683101.

Want to improve your Irish? Irish conversation classes, or Ciorcal Comhrá, will start again in Ballinamore Library on Tuesday next, 10th January at 8.00pm. There are separate groups for relative beginners, for those who have some Irish and for those who are fluent. These classes are a great opportunity to practice the Irish you know and to improve it. Also, Leaving Cert or transitional year students will find it useful for practice for their Irish orals. Classes are free and will run for 10 weeks to mid March. Seo seans chun an Ghaeilge a labhairt. Beidh fáilte romhat.

" We cannot escape the Lord's words to us, and they will serve as the criteria upon which we will be judged: whether we have fed the hungry and given drink to the thirsty, welcomed the stranger and clothed the naked, or spent time with the sick and those in prison (cf. Mt 25:31-45). Moreover, we will be asked if we have helped others to escape the doubt that causes them to fall into despair and which is often a source of loneliness; if we have helped to overcome the ignorance in which millions of people live, especially children deprived of the necessary means to free them from the bonds of poverty; if we have been close to the lonely and afflicted: if we have forgiven those who have offended us and have rejected all forms of anger and hate that lead to violence; if we have had the kind of patience God shows, who is so patient with us; and if we have commanded our brothers and sisters to the Lord in prayer. In each of these "little ones", Christ himself is present. His flesh becomes visible in the flesh of the tortured, the crushed, the scourged, the malnourished, and the exiled ... to be acknowledged, touched, and cared for by us. Let us not forget the words of Saint John of the Cross: "as we prepare to leave this life, we will be judged on the basis of love".

Pope Francis, The Face of Mercy.

Offertory Collection: Cloone € 440.00.

(Offertory amount for Aughavas for last Sunday will appear in next week-ends Newsletter).

Christmas Dues: Aughavas € 2,790.00; Cloone € 2,825.00.