



Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pray for the happy repose of the souls of Michael (Mick) McHugh, Clontarf, Dublin and formerly of Drumgowlia, Cloone whose funeral took place during the week and Alice Gallagher, Boston, U.S.A. and formerly of Lissagarvan (sister of the late Eileen Shortt, Greagh) who died during the week.

Masses

Cloone: Sat. 23rd Dec. 8.00 pm. Michael & Mary Ellen Dowd & their son Noel & DFM & DM of the Dowd family, Cornagher, & John Patrick & Lizzie Monahan, Sallyfield.

Cloone: Sun. 24th Dec. 10.00 am. **“Do This in Memory”.**

Aughavas: Sun. 24th Dec. 11.30 am. **“Do This in Memory”.**
 Kathleen O’Connor, Mill Hill, London, formerly Kathleen Mitchell, Camber. M.M. & Thomas Ambrose O’Connor.

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

Cloone: Mon. 25th Dec. 10.00 am.

Aughavas: Mon. 25th Dec. 11.30 am.

Rossan: Tues. 26th Dec. 7.00 pm.

Cloone: Wed. 27th Dec. 10.00 am. John & Bridie McGovern, The Grange & Michael Brady, Keeldra.

Aughavas: Thurs. 28th Dec. 11.30 am. Mass & burial of ashes for Thomas Ambrose O’Connor, Mill Hill, London & formerly of Charlestown, Mayo.

Cloone: Fri. 29th Dec. 8.00 pm. Charlie Mitchell, Streamstown. 1st Anniv.

Cloone: Sat. 30th Dec. 8.00 pm. Gerard Moran, Edenbawn & Ann & Peter Moran, Gortnalougher.

Cloone: Sun. 31st Dec. 10.00 am. Michael, Catherine & Thomas Murray, Adoon.

Aughavas: Sun. 31st Dec. 11.30 am. John & Kathleen McGovern, Augharan.

Masses in January 2018: Fr. John Quinn will be on holidays from 9th January to 4th February. For the weekends of 13th/14th January, 20th /21st January, 27th/28th January and 3th/4th February Masses will be as follows; Saturday evening—Aughavas at 7.00 pm; Sunday Morning—Cloone at 10.00 am and Gortletteragh at 11.30 am.

The World Meeting of Families 2018 Icon of the Holy Family is on display in Churches from Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. There are also copies of the Icon, one for each family, available in the Church porches. Please place the Icon in a prominent place at home and pray together the prayer which is printed on the back of the Icon. This is also a good time to draw up a list of Family New Year resolutions with the help of resources downloaded at www.amoris.ie. You may wish to register for some of the main events at the World Meeting of Families 21st—26th August 2018. These include the Festival of Families on Saturday

25th August 2018 and the final Mass on Sun 26th August 2018. You can register online at www.worldmeeting2018.ie.

Aughavas Parish Pastoral Council Meeting to discuss heating of Church in the Parish House at 8.00 pm on Monday 8th January.

Parish Calendar: The Parish Calendar is in the Porch and you are welcome to bring a copy home or send a copy to family abroad.

St Joseph’s N.S. Calendars: Calendars are on sale from the School’s Parents Association & in the Dugout Shop, Aughavas at a cost of €10. The money raised goes to our school & your support is much appreciated.

Christmas Day Swim in aid of Pieta House: The Christmas Day Swim 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 in Keeldra Lake. Volunteers for the swim are greatly appreciated, as is support on the day. For more information and sponsorship cards contact Lorraine on 086-3256467 or +971559355647 on WhatsApp.

Cloone Home Coming/Cloone Tidy Town’s Committee Bóthar na Naomh development: Our development Committee has received Grant approval for the development of an Athletics/Equestrian facility from our Clár Rural Renewal and Sports Capital fund applications. This project has been placed on the Etenders website to receive tenders from suitably qualified contractors. To assist us in acquiring match funding in order to avail of this grant assistance and also to fund further proposed development work, a Raffle is being held and a GoGet Funding page with further information has been set up at <https://gogetfunding.com/cloone-and-botharna-naomh-development/>. Tickets on sale from committee members. Draw takes place on December 29th in Creegan’s bar Cloone. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Contact any committee members for further details. Email botharnannaomh@gmail.com. Phone 086 8142587.

St Stephen’s Day Annual GAA charity match in Aughavas. This year our game starts at 2 pm with all proceeds going to LAPWD in Mohill. Fundraising is on going at present to purchase a new bus.

Aughavas/Cloone Active Age Meeting in Cloone Community Centre on Thursday 4th January at 7.30 pm. to discuss venue for Annual Dinner. All members requested to attend.

Christmas Message 2017: At Christmas we recall the birth of a baby in Bethlehem. A birth that would dramatically change the relationship between God and the human race. We remember that Jesus was born into a family; he was a son. He was brought up by Mary and Joseph and by his wider family and local community. We think of our own family and we miss those who are not with us. At this time we are mindful of families that are vulnerable because of poverty, homelessness and exile. Next August the World Meeting of Families will take place in Ireland. Dublin was chosen by Pope Francis as the venue to host this important event. It will be a conversation about the value of family life; all are welcome to prepare and to participate. We hope that Pope Francis will be there and I hope that you will be able to come and to celebrate family. I wish you and your family and your friends a Christmas that is joyful and peaceful and full of hope, because of the birth of Jesus, God among us.

Francis Duffy

Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois. ©

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Shrine: Cloone € 170.00.