



# Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Pray for** the happy repose of the soul of Betty Coady (nee Gormley) formerly Drumhalla who died in Luton on Tuesday last and Mike Joe Brady, formerly of Corrigan, (brother of Danny Brady) who died in Luton, England.

### Masses:

**Cloone:** Sat. 5th Dec. 8.00 pm. Pro. Populo.

**Cloone:** Sun. 6th Dec. 10.00 am.

**Aughavas:** Sun. 6th Dec. 11.30 am.

**Cloone:** Mon. 7th Dec. 8.00 pm. **Eve of the Immaculate Conception of our Lady.**

**Aughavas:** Tues. 8th Dec. 11.30 am. **Feast of the Immaculate Conception of our Lady**

**Cloone:** Thurs. 10th Dec. 10.00 am. Bernie & Bridgie Canning, Cornagher.

Margaret Mitchell and D. M. of the Canning, McGovern & Mitchell families.

**Cloone:** Fri. 11th Dec. 8.00 pm. Fr. Patrick Frawley.

Mel Tiernan, Drumgowla. 1st Anniv.

Seán & Maureen (1st Anniv) Tiernan and their Son Mel who died in infancy, Cloone Village.

**Cloone:** Sat. 12th Dec. 8.00 pm.

**Cloone:** Sun. 13th Dec. 10.00 am.

**Aughavas:** Sun. 13th Dec. 11.30 am.

**Weekday Masses:** Weekday Mass in Cloone will be by webcam only.

**Eucharistic Adoration: Cloone—Tuesday 8th December from 8.00 pm—9.00 pm.**

**Aughavas Parish Pastoral Council** Meeting on Tuesday 8th December at 8.30 pm.

**Cloone Parish Pastoral Council** Meeting on Wednesday 9th December at 8.00 pm.

*Please note that the new boxes of offerings envelopes for 2021 will be available for these Meetings.*

**Thanks:** Sincere thanks to all those who have been contributing to the offertory collection and the November offerings during the time when Churches were not open.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** - Aughavas, Carrigallen, Drumeela area: The annual Christmas appeal takes place at this time, but we will not have church gate collections. Your support is needed more than ever. People in the Aughavas area can donate by dropping a sealed envelope marked SVP in the collection bucket at one of the following locations: Mastersons' XL, McCanns' Centra, Carrigallen Post Office. Envelopes can also be placed in the dues box in main porch at Carrigallen Church. Make sure to mark SVP on envelope. If you need help from SVP, please call our confidential number 087-6024223.

**DIOCESE OF ARDAGH AND CLONMACNOIS - Worship in December 2020:**

A special concession has been made for Places of Worship to reopen for religious services

at Level 3, from 1<sup>st</sup> December, in light of the upcoming Christmas period, to be reviewed in January.

### **Mass:**

The number of people who can gather in any church is governed by the following 2 criteria:

- 2 meter distance must be maintained between each individual/household group.
- The maximum number of people allowed to gather in an indoor setting is 50.

Many of our churches cannot accommodate the maximum number of 50 because the size of the church does not meet the requirement for 'social distancing'. In such cases the requirement for 2 meters determines the maximum number allowed into the church.

Some churches, because of their larger size, may find that using the 2 meters distance requirement, they can accommodate a larger number. However, in this case, they are restricted to 50 (the maximum permitted indoors).

The only exception is those churches that have a very large floor area that allows for the setting out of 2 or more distinct areas which are separated by a 4 meter gap with no crossover before, during or after Mass, and each area having its own entry and exit point. This applies to the cathedral and churches of similar size.

Please also note the following:

- Household group – individuals must be counted to ensure you are not exceeding the maximum number in an indoor setting (50).
- Please be aware that some concerns have been expressed about social distancing as people enter and leave churches; this may necessitate staggering movement in and out and careful stewarding.
- Congregating outside the church is discouraged.
- The celebrant should wear a face covering when entering and exiting the sanctuary and for the distribution of Holy Communion. No service should be more than one hour in duration.

### **Funerals and Weddings:**

Numbers permitted at funerals and weddings remain at 25.

### **Baptisms:**

Baptisms may take place with a maximum of 10 being present. Social distancing and sanitising to be observed.

### **Christmas Communion Calls:**

First Friday calls and Christmas pastoral visits may take place with the prior approval of the household. When visiting use a face covering, sanitise hands before and after and stay a short time. Several houses should not be visited during the one day.

### **Confessions:**

The Sacrament of Penance may take place, in a safe manner, while observing all the sanitising and protection procedures.

**Choirs** – Guidance from the HSE is awaited. It is expected that choirs will not be allowed and that an instrumentalist and a cantor may perform.

### **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:**

Please consult with the Parish Pastoral Council to review attendance, sanitising and social distancing practices to date and consider the most suitable approach to Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The systems currently in use include ticketing using online bookings or manual bookings, many have a 'first come first served' system and some have a townlands rota.

Whatever system you choose should be well organised and widely advertised in the parish so that people are clear on attendance procedures. Some parishes may be in a position to put on an extra Mass, some may not.