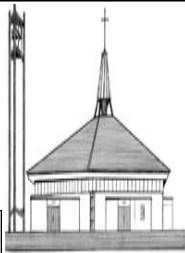




# Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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## 2nd Sunday of Advent

**Pray for** the happy repose of the soul of Kathleen Campbell (nee Smyth), Cloonmacart, Drumlish and late of Drumcauskeen, Cloone whose funeral took place on Tuesday last and Gerry Lyons, Dublin and Carrigallen (cousin of Mary Lyons and Breege Brennan, Sonnabeg) whose funeral took place in Dublin on Tuesday last.

### Masses:

**Cloone:** Sat. 4th Dec. 8.00 pm.  
**Cloone:** Sun. 5th Dec. 10.00 am. Pro. Populo.  
**Aughavas:** Sun. 5th Dec. 11.30 am.  
**Cloone:** Mon. 6th Dec. 8.00pm. Kathleen & Packie Maguire & D.F.M., Gubbs. Mel Tiernan, Drumgowla.  
**Cloone:** Tues. 7th Dec. 8.00 pm. **Eve of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.**  
**Aughavas:** Wed. 8th Dec. 11.30 am. **Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.**  
Frank, Vera & Bernadette Kenny, Mieltron.  
Brigid Duignan & her parents, James & Brigid, Killafee.  
**Cloone:** Thurs. 9th Dec. 10.00 am.  
**Cloone:** Fri. 10th Dec. 8.00 pm. John Kelly, Cornagher. 1st Anniv.  
Michael Luby, Cloone. 2nd Anniv.  
**Cloone:** Sat. 11th Dec. 8.00 pm.  
**Cloone:** Sun. 12th Dec. 10.00 am.  
**Aughavas:** Sun. 12th Dec. 11.30 am.

**Weekday Masses in Cloone and Aughavas: People may attend Mass on weekdays in Cloone and Aughavas. It will be the responsibility of those attending Mass to sanitise the area which they are occupying. This will mean that those attending will need to bring their own sanitising wipes and take care of the area which they are occupying.**

**Confessions:** There will be confessions in the sacristy of St. Mary's church, Cloone from 7.00 pm to 7.40 pm on Tuesday 7th December.

**Confessions:** There will be confessions in the sacristy of St. Joseph's church, Aughavas from 10.40 am to 11.10 am on Wednesday 8th December.

**The Irish Catholic:** The Irish Catholic newspaper is available each week in both churches. It costs €2.50. Please put the money for the newspaper in the Candle Shrine.

### Mary answered God's call

Mary's holiness and goodness does not in any way make her remote from us. Her openness to God's word and call was lived out in the midst of all the struggles and sorrows of life. Because of her special relationship to Jesus, a sword pierced her heart. The gospels suggest that she often puzzled over the words and actions of her son. She struggled to let him go as he answered God's call to form a new family, a family of disciples. She suffered the agony of a parent who sees her own child die tragically and painfully in the prime of life. Mary plumbed the darker depths of human experience, and, yet, in the midst of it all she remained completely open to God's life-giving word. She remained full of God's light even as she travelled her own valley of darkness. The season of Advent calls on us to be as open as Mary was to the Lord's call and presence to us, even in our own times of painful struggle. If we are, then our lives, like her life, will be a source of blessing for others.

**Lough Derg online shop** offers unique Christmas Cards, featuring scenes of the Island from across the centuries and bespoke Gifts including a limited edition Lough Derg Christmas Candle. Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are also available – Fr La, Prior, will offer a triduum of Masses beginning on Christmas Eve for all those who are enrolled. Visit [www.loughderg.live/shop](http://www.loughderg.live/shop). Telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. *Delivery nationwide and Click & Collect Service available.*

**Aughavas Community Centre:** Create your own table centre for Christmas on Wednesday night 8th December from 8-10 pm. in the Community Centre, Aughavas. Bring along some small pieces of foliage & holly. Demonstration by Josie. All welcome

### Reflection

And only where God is seen  
does life truly begin.  
Only when we meet the living God in Christ  
do we know what life is.  
We are not some casual and meaningless  
product of evolution.

Each of us is the result of a thought of God.  
Each of us is willed.  
Each of us is loved.  
Each of us is necessary.

There is nothing more beautiful  
than to be surprised by the gospel  
by the encounter with Christ.  
There is nothing more beautiful  
than to know Him  
and to speak to others of our friendship with Him.

*Pope Benedict XVI*

**Offertory Collection:** (21st Nov.) **Aughavas** € 385.00; (20th/21st Nov.) **Cloone** € 375.00.