

## 4th Sunday of Advent

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Maisie Delderfield, U.K. (mother of Julian Delderfield, Drumgowla, Cloone) who died recently.

# Masses:

Cloone: Sat. 18th Dec. 8.00 pm. Cloone: Sun. 19th Dec. 10.00 am. Aughavas: Sun. 19th Dec. 11.30 am. Cloone: Mon. 20th Dec. 10.00 am. Rossan: Tues. 21st. Dec. 7.00 pm. Cloone: Thurs. 23rd. Dec. 10.00 am.

# Pro. Populo.

## **Christmas Masses:**

Friday 24th December—Christmas Eve: Aughavas: 8.00 pm. Cloone: 10.00 pm.

**Cloone:** Saturday 25th Dec. 10.00 am. Christmas Day. Pro. Populo. Aughavas: Saturday 25th Dec. 11.30 am. Christmas Day. Pro. Populo. Cloone: Sun. 26th Dec. 10.00 am. Feast of the Holy Family. Feast of the Holy Family. 11.30 am. Aughavas: Sun. 26th Dec.

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.

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.

Parish Calendar for 2022: There are copies available in the church porches. You are welcome to take extra for people who cannot attend church and for family living abroad.

Christmas Communion Calls: Those who are housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Fr. Peter Tiernan or ask a member of the family to contact

Confessions in Cloone on Christmas Eve 24th December from 11.00 am to 11.30 am.

# SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2022:

AUGHAVAS: Reader: Saturday Evening: Diane Charles. Sunday: Caoimhe Maguire. Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday Evening: Eilish Cooke & Anna McKiernan. Counters: Altar Society:

Kathleen Galligan & Bernadette McDermott. Sunday: Catherine Charles & Kathleen Fitzpatrick. Caroline Beirne & Geraldine Beirne.

**CLOONE:** *Reader:* Madeleine Murphy. **Eucharistic Ministers:** Eithne Tiernan & John Morrow. Marv O'Donnell & Lily Mitchell. Counters: Altar Society: Mary Kellegher & Bernie McGovern.

Cloone Parish Charities Donations Scheme: For the year 2020, Cloone Parish received €2.451.00.

Aughavas Parish Charities Donations Scheme: For the year 2020 Aughavas Parish received €3,527.66.

Thanks to all who returned the annual tax relief forms in both parishes.

Calling all men - New Year Resolution? Exodus 90 is a spiritual exercise for men, with over 50,000 who have completed it so far. It's a challenging 90-day period (Jan. 17th to Easter Sunday 2022) of prayer and asceticism, supported by a weekly fraternal gathering. Today Exodus 90 is renewing the Church by transforming men. See www.exodus90.com to learn more. Zoom information event with testimonies on Thur. Jan. 6th at 8pm. Meeting ID: 494 625 9738 passcode: 997298 with zoom link.

## The Visitation

In the Gospel mystery of the Visitation (cf.Lk 1:39-45) we can see an icon of all Christian volunteer work. I would take three attitudes shown by Mary; listening, deciding and acting. First, listening. Mary knows how to listen to God. It is not simply about hearing, but about listening attentively and receptively, and being ready to help. Mary also listens to events, to things that happen in life. She is attentive to practical realities: she does not stop at the surface but seeks to grasp their meaning. The second attitude we see in Mary is deciding. Mary listens and reflects, but she also knows how to take a step forward: she is decisive. At the wedding feast of Cana, when Mary sees the problem, she decides to speak to Jesus and ask him to do something. Finally, acting. Mary set out on her journey and 'went with haste...' (Lk 1:39). Despite the hardships and the criticisms she may have heard, she didn't hesitate or delay, but 'went with haste', because she had the strength of God's Word within her. Her way of acting was full of charity, full of love: this the mark of God.

### O Angel of God

O Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

### **Praver before Meals**

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which from Thy bounty we are about to receive, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Praver after Meals**

We give Thee thanks, Almighty God, for all Thy benefits, who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

**Offertory Collection:** 27th/28thNov. **Aughavas €** 485.00. 5th /8th Dec. Aughavas € 555.00. (5th/8th Dec.) Cloone € 545.00.