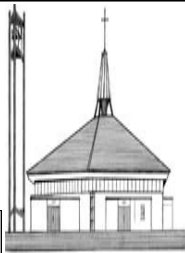


Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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18th Dec. 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Gerard (Gerry) Kiernan, Killafee, Aughavas whose funeral took place in St. Joseph's Church, Aughavas on Tuesday last and Eileen Conifrey, Dundrum, Dublin (aunt-in-law of Maeve Quinn, Drumhalla) who died during the week.

Masses:

Cloone: Sat. 17th Dec.	8.00 pm.	Pat Gallogly & D.F.M., Tooma. Thomas Creamer & D.F.M., Drumdarkin. Deceased Members of Cloone GAA Club.
Cloone: Sun. 18th Dec.	10.00 am.	Pro. Populo.
Aughavas: Sun. 18th Dec.	11.30 am.	Sean McLoughlin, Lavareen. M.M.
Cloone: Mon. 19th Dec.	10.00 am.	
Cloone: Tues. 20th Dec.	9.30 am.	
Aughavas: Wed. 21st Dec.	10.00 am.	Charlie O'Rourke, Aughalough.
Cloone: Thurs. 22nd Dec.	10.00 am.	
Cloone: Fri. 23rd Dec.	10.00 am.	
Aughavas: Sat. 24th Dec.	8.00 pm.	Christmas Eve.
Cloone: Sat. 24th Dec.	10.00 pm.	Christmas Eve.
Cloone: Sun. 25th Dec.	10.00 am.	Christmas Day.
Aughavas: Sun. 25th Dec.	11.30 am.	Christmas Day.

Eucharistic Adoration: Aughavas - Monday's from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm.
Cloone - Tuesday's from 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm.

Penance Service and Confessions available in Cloone on Monday 19th December at 7.30 pm. Fr. Nigel Charles and Fr. Sean Burke will be available.

Penance Service and Confessions available in Gortletteragh on Tuesday 20th December at 7.00 pm and in Aughavas at 8.00 pm. Fr. William Courtney and Fr. John Quinn will be available.

Penance Service and Confessions available in Mohill on Wednesday 21st December at 8.00 pm.

Cloone Choir: There will be a practice in Cloone Church on this Sunday 18th December at 7.00 pm. New members very welcome, and especially young voices.

Aughavas Choir would like to invite everyone to join in the singing for Christmas. We will be singing all the old favourites, Silent Night, Away in a Manger, O Holy Night, etc. Our choir numbers have become smaller over the past years which provides a wonderful opportunity to bring the singing back to the congregation and let us sing all together in our weekly celebration of Mass.

St Vincent De Paul (Aughavas): The annual Christmas appeal is now taking place. If you are in the Aughavas area and you wish to make a contribution, you can do so by putting a subscription in an SVP envelope and placing it in the secure box inside the main door of Carrigallen Church. If using a plain envelope, please mark "SVP". Your support will be greatly appreciated. Anyone who needs assistance in our area should contact Carrigallen SVP number at 087 602 4223.

Mary's Meals – Big Family Christmas: International school feeding charity, Mary's Meals, are inviting you to join their Big Family Christmas celebrations. A range of gifts are available, which will not only provide you with a wonderful Christmas gift for a loved one, but will also provide life changing school meals for a child living in poverty. For just €18.30 a place can be set at their virtual Big Family Christmas dinner table, which will feed a child for an entire school year! This place setting can then be printed or emailed to someone as a special gift. A range of other gift cards are also available; from providing 100 meals for €9.00, to funding a cooking pot and stove for €250.00, and everything in between! Gift cards are available to download at www.marysmeals.ie or sent via post by calling 01 853 5163.

Fatima N.S. News: Due to hazardous weather conditions, we had to postpone our Fatima NS Christmas Carol Service until Monday 19th December in Cloone Community Centre at 7:30pm. We would like to invite all our families and the wider community to celebrate Christmas together. Our Parents Association will organise a get together after the Carol Service in the Community Centre. They are also busy organising our Christmas raffle. The draw for the raffle will take place on the night. Please come along and join us for tea/coffee and a chat. Everyone welcome.

Longford County Choir Christmas Concert takes place in St Mel's Cathedral, Longford on this Sunday 18th December 2022 at 7:30pm. Admission free. Donations to local charities welcome.

St. Joseph's N.S., Aughavas school concert on Tuesday December 20th at 1.30 pm. Parents, relatives and members of the public welcome to attend.

Used Stamps: Please save the used stamps on your letters and cards. There is a box in the main porch in Aughavas Church and a box in the porch of Cloone Church into which you can put these stamps. Please leave a small amount of paper around the stamp. St. Patrick's Missionary Society collect these stamps. They sell them to stamp dealers and collectors of stamps and use the funds for their missionary work.

The Crib

Why does the Christmas Crib arouse such wonder and move us so deeply? First, because it shows God's tender love; the Creator of the universe lowered himself to take up our littleness. The gift of life, in all its mystery, becomes all the more wondrous as we realise that the Son of Mary is the source and sustenance of all life. In Jesus, the Father has given us a brother who comes to seek us out whenever we are confused or lost, a loyal friend ever at our side. He gave us his Son who forgives us and frees us from our sins.

Pope Francis

Offertory Collection:	(4th Dec.)	(3rd/4th Dec.)	
	(8th Dec.)	(8th Dec.)	
November Dues:	Aughavas € 680.00;	Cloone € 350.00.	
	Aughavas € 2,120.00;	Cloone € 2,720.00.	