

The Turret and Cross went up on the church new roof on Tuesday last 20/12/'11. It is good to see that the roof is almost complete. The new roof looks very well.

The Cedar wood ceiling in the church took a lot of rain during the period when the old turret was removed until the new roof was finally sealed this week. The wood will need some time to dry out properly before varnishing.

We hope to be back in the church in the beginning of February, but at this stage there is no need to hurry. It is so important to get a good finish on all the works associated with the reconstruction of the church.

I pray that we will have a finish that all will be happy with.

We wish to acknowledge a donation of €550.00 from the extended McCabe family Drumlegga.

We wish to acknowledge a donation of €100.00 from Packie McGarry from the Tractor run.

We wish to acknowledge a donation of €100.00 from Michael Bohan Clooneen and Drogheda.

We wish to acknowledge an anonymous donation of €50.00

The Copper from the old roof on Cloone church was sold during the week for **€9,000.00**.

The Cloone church contractor Padraig Bohan was paid €230,509.47 during the week.

Guimis go mbeimid go léir faoi choimirce na Maighdine Muire agus an Linbh Íosa i rith na Nollag seo.

Beannachtaí na Nollag agus Rath Dé oraibh féin agus ar bhur muintir uile anseo in Éirinn agus i bhfad ó bhaile.

Offertory Collection: Aughavas €145.00

Cloone €625.00

CHRISTMAS 2011



**One night long ago, God filled the earth
with hope so real, joy so pure and love so true, that
our hearts still rejoice today.**



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Pope's Three Wishes for Christmas Season

As he turned on hundreds of lights forming the “world’s largest Christmas tree” on a mountainside outside Gubbio, Italy, earlier this month, Pope Benedict XVI said that he has 3 personal wishes for the Christmas season.

Speaking from Rome—where he was linked to Gubbio by a video conference, and remotely activated the lights—the Pope disclosed his wishes:

1. My first wish, therefore, is that our gaze, that of our minds and our hearts, not rest only on the horizon of this world, on its material things, but that it in some way, like this tree that tends upward, be directed toward God.

2. My second wish is that we recall that we also need a light to illumine the path of our lives and to give us hope, especially in this time in which we feel so greatly the weight of difficulties, of problems, of suffering, and it seems that we are enshrouded in a veil of darkness.

3. My final wish is that each of us contribute something of that light to the spheres in which we live: our families, our jobs, our neighbourhoods, towns, and cities.

Masses for Christmas:

Christmas Eve Rossan 6.00 pm
Aughavas 8.00pm
Cloone 10.00 pm
Christmas Day Cloone 10.00 am
Aughavas 11.30 am

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Con Mahon Gortnaraw whose funeral mass took place on Friday last

Cloone GAA Annual Table Quiz: Our annual Christmas Table Quiz takes place in Creegan’s Bar on Thursday night December 29th at 9.00 pm. The usual format will be in place for the quiz and tables of four will cost €40. Your support would be appreciated.

Card Drive: Cloone GAA are holding a fundraising 25 Card Drive in McKeon’s Bar, Cloone on Friday 20th January. There will be a total of €300 in prize money and tickets are available from all club members and players at €2 each or 3 for €5.

Aughavas GAA: St. Stephen’s Day Games in Aughavas: This year the proceeds from the annual St. Stephen’s Day fundraiser will go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the 5 defibrillator based around the Parish. It is hoped if enough is gathered to purchase 1 more defibrillator. Please support. DARA Aughavas are very grateful to Aughavas GAA Club for giving permission for this fundraiser. Ladies game at 1 pm followed at 2.15 pm by a men’s U-30 selection v a men’s Over 30 selection.— let the games begin !!!!!!!

Aughavas GAA Lotto: Our lotto takes place after the games in the park on St. Stephen’s Day. Jackpot €4,500 and plenty of spot prizes. Please support.

Aughavas N.S. would like to thank all who supported our Christmas Raffle. Prize-winners: Claire Kenny, Clonsarn; Colm O’Reilly c/o Nature Trail; Pat Creegan, Cloone; Noel Prior, Aughavas; Givliana Keane c/o Mary Greene, Aughavas; Helena Farrelly, Aughavas; Fran Kealy, Portlaoise; Rosie McGirl, Drumshanbo Nth; Pearse Kenny, Clonsarn; Richard Cowdell, Sunnaghmore; John Corrigan c/o Mary Greene, Aughavas; Mary Canning, Drumshanbo Nth; Michael Keelan, Apt. 2 Jordan Court, Mohill; Joanna McGirl, Drumhass, Mohill; Gerry Gallogly, Aughavas; J.P. Donnelly, Aughavas; Eoin McIntyre, Aughavas.

The Breffni Mental Health Association would like to thank most sincerely all who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection. €216.30 was raised. Your support is very much appreciated.