

Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jubilee Year of Mercy

The *logo* and *motto* together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38. It represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has

been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father. The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Sean Mollahan, Leganomer whose funeral Mass took place in Aughavas on Sunday last; James McGirl, Corduff, Cloone and Manchester who died recently and Sr. Philomena Charles formerly of Aughalough, Aughavas who died recently in the U.S.

Masses

Cloone: Sat. 12th Dec. 7.00 pm. Jim & Lily Monaghan, Adoon.

Paddy Aloysius McHugh & his sister Catherine Huston.

Cloone: Sun. 13th Dec. 10.00 am. "Do This in Memory".

Pro Populo.

Aughavas: Sun. 13th Dec. 11.30 am. "Do This in Memory".

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Cloone: Mon. 14th Dec. 7.00 pm. Pat Gallogly & DFM, Tooma.

Rossan: Tues. 15th Dec. 7.00 pm.

Aughavas: Wed. 16th Dec. 10.00 am. Cloone: Thurs. 17th Dec. 10.00 am.

Cloone: Fri. 18th Dec. 7.00 pm. Jimmy Joe McGarty & DFM, Ballykiltyfea.

Seán & Mel Tiernan, Cloone Village.

Cloone: Sat. 19th Dec. 7.00 pm. **Cloone:** Sun. 20th Dec. 10.00 am. **Aughavas:** Sun. 20th Dec. 11.30 am.

Penance Service and Confessions in preparation for Christmas:

Sunday 20th December 7.00 pm Fenagh 8.00 pm Mohill

Monday 21st December 7.00 pm Aughavas 8.00 pm Gortletteragh

Tuesday 22nd December 7.00 pm Drumsna 8.00 pm Cloone

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Aughavas: Monday 7 pm to 8 pm. **Cloone:** Tuesday 8 pm to 9 pm.

Aughavas Altar Servers: Parents of children who serve Mass in Aughavas and were not in attendance at the meeting on Thursday 26th November at 8 pm, please contact Fr. Peter as there is important documentation to be completed. This documentation is a requirement and is all in the interest of better child protection. ©

Aughavas Liturgy Committee Meeting on this Monday 14th December at 8 pm in the Parish Rooms. ©

The Irish Catholic: There is a special souvenir edition on 17th December—1916, the Church & the Rising with historic photographs and maps. Extra copies available. Cost €1.80. Please put money in candle shrine.

Fire Extinguishers: Annual inspection, servicing and certification of fire extinguishers for Rossan €106.90; Aughavas €134.14 and for Cloone Church and Parochial House €199.33.

Bingo in Cloone Community Centre at 8.30 pm every Wednesday night with €1,250 in prizes with "spot prizes" galore and a raffle for hamper from now until Christmas.

St. Joseph's Ladies fundraising Bake Sale on Sunday 20th Dec. in Aughavas GAA Club Rooms after 11.30 am Mass. All support will be greatly appreciated.

Choir Practice in St. Joseph's Church, Aughavas on Tuesday next 15th December at 8 pm. All members requested to attend and new members welcome.

Fatima N.S. Christmas Concert on Thursday 17th December at 7 pm and **St. Joseph's N.S.** Christmas concert on Friday 18th December at 1 pm.

Apologies to anyone who sent in notes for Newsletter via the internet during the week. We have had no internet connection since Monday last. We hope to have the problem resolved by middle of next week.

Offertory Collection: Aughavas € 760.00; Cloone € 535.00.