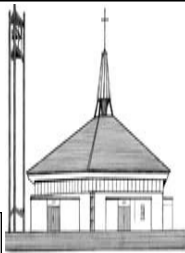


# Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Keith Huyton, Southport, England and formerly of Coroneary, Aughavas who died recently and Tony McGovern, London and formerly of Bundarra, Aughavas who died during the week.

### Masses:

<b>Aughavas:</b> Sat. 6th Jan.	7.00 pm.	Michael McGirl, Camber.
<b>Cloone:</b> Sun. 7th Jan.	10.00 am.	<b>The Baptism of the Lord.</b> Michael Moran, Lakeview, Cloone Village. M.M.
<b>Aughavas:</b> Sun. 7th Jan.	11.30 am.	Phil & May Charles, Coroneary. Eugene Charles, Diffin. Frankie Charles, Drumshanbo.
<b>Cloone:</b> Mon. 8th Jan.	10.00 am.	
<b>Rossan:</b> Tues. 9th Jan.	7.00 pm.	
<b>Aughavas:</b> Wed. 10th Jan.	10.00 am.	Pro. Populo.
<b>Cloone:</b> Fri. 12th Jan.	10.00 am.	
<b>Aughavas:</b> Sat. 13th Jan.	7.00 pm.	Mary, Michael, Joseph & William McKiernan and Rose Tierney, Killafee.
<b>Cloone:</b> Sun. 14th Jan.	10.00 am.	
<b>Aughavas:</b> Sun. 14th Jan.	11.30 am.	Mary Brigid McNamara, Leganomer. Damian Gallogly, Carrickavoher.

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



**Marriage:** Congratulations and Best Wishes to Sean McKiernan, Drumkerrib, Aughavas and Clare Bohan, Kilnagross who were married in St. Patricks Church, Gowel on Saturday 29th December 2023.

**Parish Calendar for 2024**— copies available in the Church porches. You are welcome to take extra for people who cannot attend Church and for family members who are living abroad.

**Fatima N.S.—Family Mass:** We invite you all to join us for our first Family Mass in Cloone at 10am on Sunday 14th January. Children from Fatima N.S will be involved in the mass and music and we encourage you all to join in song with our children's choir. We look forward to seeing many local families gathered and hope to continue the family mass going forward on a more regular basis.

**Senior Set dancing classes** commence in Killbracken Arms Hotel, Carrigallen on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 8pm. No experience needed and beginners very welcome. It's for a bit of fun and fitness and socialising, as well as learning some of the most popular set dances danced around the country. From Kerry, Mayo, Galway, plenty to choose from.

**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.

**Aughavas ICA** meeting Wednesday 10th January at 8pm in Aughavas Community centre. New members welcome Refreshments served

**Yoga** class starting back on Monday 15th January at 1pm in Aughavas Community Centre. All welcome. Enquiries, contact 0860626614.

### Care for Creation in the Light of Faith

Pope Francis published *Laudate Deum*, a follow up to *Laudato Si'* of 2015. He presents the faith background to our care of the earth in paragraphs 62-65.

The Bible tells us: 'God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good' (Gen 1:31). His is 'the earth with all that is in it' (Deut 10:14). For this reason, he tells us that, 'the land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; with me you are but aliens and tenants' (Lev 25:23). Hence, 'responsibility for God's earth means that human beings, endowed with intelligence, must respect the laws of nature and the delicate equilibria existing between the creatures of this world'.

At the same time, 'the universe as a whole, in all its manifold relationships, shows forth the inexhaustible richness of God'. Hence, to be wise, 'we need to grasp the variety of things in their multiple relationships'. Along this path of wisdom, it is not a matter of indifference to us that so many species are disappearing and that the climate crisis endangers the life of many other beings. Jesus 'was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attraction full of fondness and wonder. As he made his way throughout the land, he often stopped to contemplate the beauty sown by his Father, and invited his disciples to perceive a divine message in things'. Hence, 'the creatures of this world no longer appear to us under merely natural guise, because the risen One is mysteriously holding them to himself and directing them towards fullness as their end. The very flowers of the field and the birds which his human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence'. If 'the universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely ... there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dew-drop, in a poor person's face'. The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it? See [www.messenger.ie/facebook](http://www.messenger.ie/facebook) for the full text of *Laudate Deum*.

**'The Sacraments are all to do with the physical celebrations by which divine life penetrates our human histories'** (James Alison, knowing Jesus).

**Offertory Collection:** (24th/25th Dec.) **Aughavas** € 1,160.00.  
(31st Dec.) **Aughavas** € 425.00; (31st Dec.) **Cloone** € 735.00.