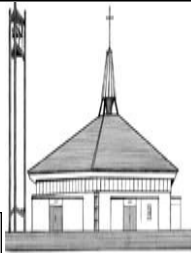


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15th Dec. 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Patricia Guckian (nee Higgins), Gorvagh, Mohill, mother of Deirdre Brennan, Drumharkin Glebe, Cloone whose funeral took place in Mohill on Wednesday last; Paddy Joe Boyle, Darraugh, Ballyconnell (father of Fáinne Boyle, Coronary) whose funeral took place in Kilnavart on Wednesday last and Teresa (Tess) McGuinness (nee Foy), Drumhamny, Mohill and formerly of Annaghmacooney, Cloone whose funeral took place in Mohill on Saturday 14th December.

Masses:

Cloone: Sat. 14th Dec. 8.00 pm. Pat Gallogly & D.F.M., Tooma.
Padraig Kelly, Annamaconway and D.M. of the Kelly Family.
Cloone: Sun. 15th Dec. 10.00 am. Michael Reilly, Drumgowla, Cloone and Mohill. M.M.
Aughavas: Sun. 15th Dec. 11.30 am. Eddie & Mary Heslin, Druminbawn and their son Michael.
Cloone: Mon. 16th Dec. 10.00 am. Pro. Populo.
Aughavas: Tues. 17th Dec. 10.00 am.
Cloone: Wed. 18th Dec. 10.00 am.
Cloone: Thurs. 19th Dec. 10.00 am.
Cloone: Fri. 20th Dec. 10.00 am.
Cloone: Sat. 21st Dec. 8.00 pm. Anne Ball, Drumkeeran. M.M.
Cloone: Sun. 22nd Dec. 10.00 am.
Aughavas: Sun. 22nd Dec. 11.30 am.

Eucharistic Adoration: **Aughavas** - Monday's from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm.
Cloone - Tuesday's from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm.



Baptism: Eabha May McIntyre, Gradogue, Aughavas was welcomed into the Christian Community in Aughavas on Saturday 7th December last and Máire Christine McNamara, Leganomer, Carrigallen was welcomed into the Christian Community in Aughavas on Sunday 8th December last.

Christmas Confessions

Tuesday 17th December - Confessions in Aughavas at 7.30 pm.
Wednesday 18th December - Confessions in Cloone at 7.30 pm.
Thursday 19th December - Confessions in Gortletteragh at 7.30 pm.
Monday 23rd December - Confessions in Mohill at 7.30 pm.

Parish Calendar for 2025: Copies of the Calendar are 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.

Choir Practice for Christmas in St. Mary's church, Cloone this Monday 16th December at 7.30 pm. I would like to encourage all who were members of the choir to come and prepare Hymns for Christmas. I would also like to encourage new people to come along, remembering that every voice counts. If you haven't been part of the choir before, please consider being part of it for this Christmas.

Longford County Choir Christmas Celebration Concert with Soloist Eimear Reynolds and St. Mel's Children's Choir in St. Mel's Cathedral today Sunday 15th December at 8:00pm. Tickets €10 / Tickets €20 on Eventbrite/ Local venues/Choir members. Proceeds to Cian's Kennels.

Schools Media Competition: Columban Missionaries invite students aged 13-18 to submit an original piece of writing or an image on the theme: Jubilee: pilgrims of Hope. Celebrate a community bringing hope in the world today. Deadline for entries is Friday 7th February 2025. For entry details: www.columbancompetition.com. Written prizes—1st €300; 2nd €250 and 3rd €100. Image prizes—1st €300; 2nd €150 and 3rd €100.

Coffee Morning and sale of Kindlers: Aughavas Men's Shed are holding a coffee morning and a sale of kindlers on Sunday 22nd December at 12 o'clock at Aughavas GAA Club grounds. All proceeds are going to upgrade and the purchase of new defibrillators and cabinets for the Parish and to run a First Aid and Defib course in the new year. Everyone is welcome to come along.

A Christmas Tractor/Car Fun Run takes place in Cloone today Sunday 15th December 2024. Assembly point - Cloone GAA pitch at 10.30 am where a Registration Fee of €20.00 will be collected. Christmas Dinner will be served in Cloone Community Centre at 1 pm. Dinner by voucher only. Spot prizes on the day with a special prize going to the best decorated vehicle. Sponsorship cards are also available. All proceeds excluding expenses will go towards the running costs of the Centre.

All life, all holiness comes from you, O God

God wants to be the source of everything in us that is holy, and for that reason everything that depends on ourselves and on our personal faith is insignificant and quite the opposite of saintliness.

We can never achieve anything great except through surrendering ourselves; therefore let us think no more about it. Let us leave the care of our salvation to God. He knows the way. It is under the special protection and guidance of his concern for us, acting often in ways unknown to us and even through what we most fear and least expect. Let us march on in the trivial duties of our personal devotion without aspiring to great ones, for God does not wish to manifest himself through our own efforts. We shall be God's saints through his grace and special providence. He has his plans for us, so leave it to him. Henceforth, without entertaining vain thoughts and false ideas about sanctity, let us be content to love him unceasingly and walk humbly in the path he has marked out for us, where all seems so trivial in our own and in the eyes of the world.

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Offertory Collection: (8th Dec.) **Aughavas** € 510.00; (7th/8th Dec.) **Cloone** € 465.00.
Shrine: **Aughavas** € 495.00.