

Baptism: Noah Paul Nicholls, Camber, Cloone and Ollie John Nicholls, Drumharkin Glebe, Cloone were welcomed into the Christian Community in Cloone on Saturday 21st December last.

The Vigil Mass returns to Aughavas on Saturday next 4th January at 7.00 pm. First Friday communion calls to the housebound will take place on Friday 3rd January.

Offerings Envelopes: Members of the Pastoral Council have been delivering offerings envelopes for 2025. As there are no representatives for Area No. 7, I would like to ask people from that area to call to the Sacristy in Cloone to collect their offerings envelopes. Area No. 7 comprises of the following townlands of Ballykiltyfea, Cankeel, Clooneen, Drinna, Drumdoo, Drumhalla, Kiltyfea and Lismacniff.

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2025:

 AUGHAVAS:
 Reader:
 Saturday Evening:
 Francis McLoughlin.

 Sunday:
 Pat Kilkenny.

 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Saturday Evening:
 Nuala Bohan & John Moran.

 Sunday:
 Marie McKiernan & Pauline McKiernan.

Counters:Micheál Charles & Caroline Harte.Altar Society:Christine Kenny & Róisín Maguire.CLOONE:Reader:Eamonn Cunningham.Eucharistic Ministers:Teresa Kearney & Madeleine Murphy.Counters:Seamus Tiernan & Eugene McNamara.Altar Society:Mary Kelleher & Bernie McGovern.

Cloone Christmas Bingo today Sunday 29th December at 3pm in Cloone Community Centre. Join us for a festive filled afternoon, with some great prizes on offer.

Thanks: Sincere thanks to the many people who help out in the Parishes of Cloone and Aughavas. Thanks to the Choir, Organist, Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Societies, Collectors, Counters, Altar Servers, Parish Pastoral Councils, Finance Committees, members of the School Boards of Management and the teachers of both Parishes. Thanks to John Moran for organising the Rota for the Aughavas Parish over many years. Thanks to the parents who are present in the Sacristy before and after Mass as part of the Parish Child Protection Policy. Thanks to all who ensured that the Churches were fittingly decorated for Christmas, also to those who open and close the Churches and those who organise the Churches for various events during the year. Thanks to everyone who helped out with car parking and stewarding on occasions of Removals and Funerals in both Parishes. This is an important service which is appreciated by everyone. Thanks to all who are so faithful in supporting the Churches financially through the weekly Offertory Collections in Cloone and Aughavas and to all who contribute to my upkeep through the 6 Priests Dues Collections in both Parishes during the year. Thanks to the Parish Improvement Scheme Supervisor and workers for their work in both Parishes and for putting up the Christmas lights outside St. Joseph's Church in Aughavas. Thanks also to the Rural Social Scheme supervisor and workers for their work in both parishes throughout the year. Also, the Beirne family, Cloone who provided the Crib and Christmas tree outside St. Mary's Church.

I would like to wish everyone in both Parishes all the Blessings you need in 2025. Fr. Peter. ©

The Jubilee Year 2025—A Holy Year of Hope: December 2024 to December 2025. On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis, will open the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica. The holy doors of the other three Papal Basilicas—Saint John Lateran, Saint Mary Major and Saint Paul Outside-the-Walls - will also be opened. This will mark the start of a Jubilee Year. It will be an ordinary holy year. In keeping with Church tradition a holy year is celebrated every 25 years, to give every generation a chance to experience that special time of grace and mercy in their lives. Throughout the year, those who participate in a Holy year pilgrimage will be granted a plenary indulgence; and those who are unable to attend in person are invited to participate spiritually, "offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in the Eucharistic celebration." Pope Francis wants the Jubilee Year 2025 to be lived as a "year of hope". The tradition dates to the 13th century. It was originally intended to be celebrated every one hundred years; in 1343 Pope Clement VI reduced the gap between Jubilees to every 50 years. Then in 1470 Pope Paul II reduced it to 25 years. There will be many different events, celebrations and observances throughout the year. For more information and to download the calendar go to: www.iubilaeum2025.va

 Offertory Collection: (22nd Dec.) Aughavas € 755.00;
 (21st/22nd Dec.) Cloone € 895.00.

 (25th Dec.)
 Cloone € 860.00.