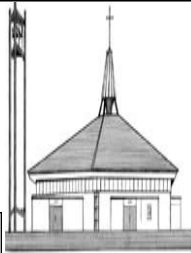


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5th Jan. 2025



SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Peggy Conefrey, (nee Cosgrove), Corglass, Moyne, aunt-in-law of Terry Williams, Rossan whose funeral Mass took place in St. Mary's Church, Legga on Wednesday last.

Masses:

Aughavas: Sat. 4th Jan. 7.00 pm. Mary, Michael Joseph & William McKiernan & D.F.M., Killafee and Rose Tierney.

Cloone: Sun. 5th Jan. 10.00 am. Pro. Populo.

Aughavas: Sun. 5th Jan. 11.30 am. Tommy & Kathleen O'Brien, Cornamuckla. John & Kathleen McGovern and their son Thomas, Augharan.

Cloone: Mon. 6th Jan. 10.00 am. **The Epiphany of the Lord.**

Aughavas: Mon. 6th Jan. 11.30 am. **The Epiphany of the Lord.**

Aughavas: Wed. 8th Jan. 10.00 am.

Cloone: Thurs. 9th Jan. 10.00 am.

Cloone: Fri. 10th Jan. 10.00 am.

Aughavas: Sat. 11th Jan. 7.00 pm. Eugene Charles, Diffin, Phil & Mary Charles, Coroneary, Frank Charles, Drumshanbo and Damien Murphy, Carrick-on-Shannon.

Cloone: Sun. 12th Jan. 10.00 am. James Keegan, Cloonohill, Drumlish, late of Drumadorn, Cloone. 1st Anniv.

Aughavas: Sun. 12th Jan. 11.30 am. Michael McGirl, Camber.

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: Fionn Tiernan, Kiltyfea, Cloone was welcomed into the Christian Community in Cloone on Saturday 28th December last and Eóran John O'Malley, Annaghbrehan, Cloone and Robin Maura O'Malley, Annaghbrehan, Cloone were welcomed into the Christian Community in Cloone on Sunday 29th December last.

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.

St. Joseph's NS Christmas raffle winners 2024 -Winners and Prizes:

Aine Gildea (c/o Caolán Bohan) - Mug set; Tom Conefrey - Children's gift; Darren Cox - Hamper; Holly McNabola - Child's hamper; Jane Moore - Hamper; Pdraig Tiernan - Hamper; Paula Brooks - Hamper; Adrian Duignan €20 - One4All voucher; Rory Kiernan - Gift bag; Matthew Canning - Gift set; Ada Vance - Ladies pamper pack; Shane O'Rourke - Bottle of Jameson; Ray Rae - Bottle of Paddy; Oisín McGovern - Bottle of Bacardi; Rory Kiernan - Hamper; Nena Fleming - Hennessy Brandy; Dianne McNabola - Hamper; Niamh Brennan - Drumshanbo Whiskey; Bradley Cowdell - MAIN HAMPER.

The Staff and Board of Management of St. Joseph's NS Aughavas would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed prizes or bought lines in our recent Christmas Hamper draw.

'The Leitrim Gathering' is a celebration of Leitrim, which takes place from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th May 2025. The event promises a weekend of exciting activities for all the family with a series of literary, cultural, heritage, music and dance events taking place. The event is designed to connect with the Leitrim Diaspora all over the world and encourage as many as possible to attend the event or alternatively to organise an event to celebrate their Leitrim roots wherever they reside. A warm welcome awaits everyone who calls Leitrim home.

For those living abroad, check out a competition for free flights home to 'Lovely Leitrim' - visit www.theleitrimgathering.com/competition.

The Epiphany of the Lord

When the magi leave Bethlehem, we read that they return home by a different road. They were warned in a dream not to return to Herod. And so, they leave for their own country by another road. I don't know how much trouble it caused them to leave by another road. I know that when I try that, I usually get lost. GPS has made a big difference in my life. Now at least, when I take a wrong turn, as I often do, I have a patient, electronic voice helping me to get back on the right road.

The magi returned home by another road because they were warned not to return to Herod. But I think that their returning home by another road also has a symbolic significance. The magi, after all, are forever changed by their encounter with the Christ child. They will never be the same. They return home different people, and so it is only fitting that they go by another road.

What about us? When we encounter Christ, aren't our lives forever changed? Surely, when we first encounter Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism, our lives are forever changed. Young or old, we go home with a whole new identity and mission. We are now children of God; citizens of another kingdom, of heaven itself, and our journey will forever take us by another road. And perhaps, every time we come to church we are changed, too. Our sins are forgiven, our souls nurtured with the word and sacrament, our priorities re-arranged, we are changed whenever we spend time here in the house of the Lord. Just as the magi were changed when they encountered the Christ child.

We are changed by meeting Christ. We die to our old selves when we are baptized into Christ.

And we now live a new life, and travel by another road. Our journey is forever changed. Our route needs to be recalculated. Not by a GPS device, nor by a star. But by the Word of God. And by Christ himself, our new way and our new truth and our new life.

Offertory Collection: (25th Dec.) **Aughavas** € 1,135.00; (29th Dec.) **Cloone** € 790.00.
(29th Dec.) **Aughavas** € 570.00.