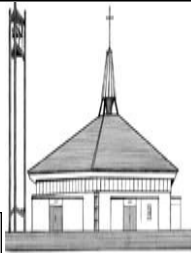


Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Masses:

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.

Cloone: *Mon.* 13th Jan. 10.00 am. Pro. Populo.

Rossan: *Tues.* 14th Jan. 7.00 pm.

Aughavas: *Wed.* 15th Jan. 10.00 am. For the Faithful Departed.

Cloone: *Fri.* 17th Jan. 10.00 am.

Aughavas: *Sat.* 18th Jan. 7.00 pm.

Cloone: *Sun.* 19th Jan. 10.00 am. Nell & Michael Duignan, Tooma and their daughter Evelyn McVeigh.

Aughavas: *Sun.* 19th Jan. 11.30 am. Mary Brigid McNamara, Leganomer.

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

Aughavas Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday 23rd January at 8.30 pm.

5 Step Support Service: Are you affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual? 5 Step Support can help you; it is a free, non-judgemental, one - one consultation service. Putting your needs and wellbeing first, helping you manage often stressful, difficult and emotional issues. If you would like further information, please contact 071 9150578 / 085 875 9319 or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com. You don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction!

Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2024/2025 is now open and aims to encourage the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network. Open to all, individual applicants, communities and groups. The Grant is €75 per km (with a min of 1km per applicant). A new additional Grant of €50 per 10 trees per km has been introduced to encourage the cutting of dangerous overhanging tree canopies/branches along the public road network (This would be a maximum of €125 per km). Further information and application forms are available from Leitrim County Councils website www.leitrimcoco.ie or by contacting the Roads Department by e-mail: roads@leitrimcoco.ie or Telephone 071 9620005 Ext. 630. Closing Date is 31st January 2025.

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.

The Baptism of the Lord

Most of us who were baptised as infants cannot remember the moment of our baptism. Fortunately, we have an abundance of symbols and rituals to anchor us in our 'baptismal memory'. When we pass by the baptismal font in our Church we can 'remember' our baptism. Anytime we have the pleasure of being in the congregation at a baptism ceremony we can 'remember' our baptism. We can look at photographs or take out the family christening gown or baptismal candle to have a visual reminder of our initiation into the Christian faith. But most significantly whenever we turn to one of the Gospel passages that tell the story of Jesus' baptism we can 'remember' our baptism in an especially powerful way.

The simple act of entering a Catholic Church and blessing ourselves with water from the font at the entrance is a way of remembering our baptismal commitment and it makes even more sense to put water on our foreheads as we leave the Church and go out into the world—for there the battles are fought. This is a month in which many of us are feeling overwhelmed. In January, the holidays are over and the bills are looming. Some people are dealing with a variety of post-holiday emotions; others already feel that they have failed in their new year's resolutions. The message of Jesus' baptism and a reminder of our own is needed at a time such as this: 'Lord we are yours, help us to know it, To know it in the depth of our hearts and to act accordingly'.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ,
our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our
hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the
seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of
Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

Pope Francis



Offertory Collection: (4th/5th Jan.) **Aughavas** € 520.00; (5th Jan.) **Cloone** € 190.00.