



Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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Third Sunday of Advent

Pray for the happy repose of the souls of Kathleen Fennessy (nee Colreavy), Cahir, Co. Tipperary and formerly of Gortnaragh, Cloone who died this week and Mary Heslin (nee Moran), Druminbawn, Corrigo. Removal took place this Saturday evening to St. Joseph's Church, Aughavas at 6 pm. Funeral Mass (today) Sunday at 11.30 am with burial in adjoining cemetery.

Masses

Cloone: Sat. 16th Dec. 8.00 pm. Phil Fitzpatrick, Drumgowla. 1st Anniv.
Cloone: Sun. 17th Dec. 10.00 am. John McCabe, Drumbore. 1st Anniv.
Aughavas: Sun. 17th Dec. 11.30 am. **Funeral Mass for Mary Heslin, Druminbawn.**
 Frank & Margaret Kilkenny, Bundarra.
 Bernard & Margaret McGovern, Leganomer & Philomena Mullally.
Aughavas: Mon. 18th Dec. 10.00 am. Pro Populo.
Cloone: Tues. 19th Dec. 10.00 am.
Aughavas: Wed. 20th Dec. 10.00 am.
Cloone: Thurs. 21st Dec. 10.00 am.
Cloone: Fri. 22nd Dec. 10.00 am.
Cloone: Sat. 23rd Dec. 8.00 pm. Michael & Mary Ellen Dowd & their son Noel & DFM & DM of the Dowd family, Cornagher, & John Patrick & Lizzie Monahan, Sallyfield.
Cloone: Sun. 24th Dec. 10.00 am. **“Do This in Memory”.**
Aughavas: Sun. 24th Dec. 11.30 am. **“Do This in Memory”.**
 Kathleen O'Connor, Mill Hill, London, formerly
 Kathleen Mitchell, Camber. M.M. & Thomas Ambrose O'Connor.

Penance Service and Confessions in preparation for Christmas

Monday 18th December	7.00 pm	Aughavas
	8.00 pm	Gortletteragh
Tuesday 19th December	7.00 pm	Fenagh
	8.00 pm	Cloone
Wednesday 20th December	7.00 pm	Annaduff
	8.00 pm	Mohill

Advent Safeguarding Message 2017: As we approach Christmas we remember that Jesus Christ was born into a family; he was a son. He was brought up by Mary and Joseph and by his wider family and local community. Scripture records his connections with family and friends. Mary and Joseph looked after their son; they protected and kept him safe at a time when there were many threats. In our time, as a Church community, we look after and protect our young people and adults at risk.

I thank our Parish Safeguarding Representatives and our Priests for their valuable work in ensuring the safety of children and adults at risk in our Church related activities.

I encourage anyone with concerns regarding the safety of children or anyone who suffered in the past to contact our Designated Liaison Person, Sean Leydon (087-7431649) or our Deputy Designated Liaison Person, Róisín O'Doherty (087-3327587).

Bake Sale: St. Josephs Ladies annual bake sale takes place on Sunday 17th December in Aughavas GAA club rooms and Carrigallen Hall after mass. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

St Joseph's N.S. Calendars: Calendars are on sale from the School's Parents Association & in the Dugout Shop, Aughavas at a cost of €10. The money raised goes to our school & your support is much appreciated. The calendars are a lovely Christmas present for family and friends at home or abroad.

Mohill Computer Training – Upcoming Courses in 2018: Part time Introduction to Computers is starting on Monday 8th January 2018. The QQI Level 5 Design Skills and Digital Fabrication course will begin on Friday 26th January, and a number of evening courses beginning in late January including – Internet Security and Basic Computing, Digital Photography and Navigating Modern Living. Call 071-9632024.

Thanks: I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who telephoned, called to our house, sent cards & gifts following my recent accident. Thanks also to everyone who sent cards and kind expressions of sympathy following my mother's passing. Your support at this difficult time was a great comfort to me and much appreciated. As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of my appreciation and gratitude. Marie. ©

Cloone IFA Branch—Notice: If there are farmers in the area who will be short of fodder in the near future, please contact any branch officer.

Carol Service: Thanks to the children and teachers of Fatima N.S. and the Parents Association for a lovely Carol Service on Thursday evening in St. Mary's Church, Cloone.

St. Joseph's N.S. Aughavas: St. Joseph's N.S. Aughavas are holding their Annual Christmas Concert on Thursday 21st December in the school at 1.00 pm.

Christmas Day Swim in aid of Pieta House: The Christmas Day Swim will be taking place once again this year. All funds raised will be in aid of the very worthy Pieta House. The swim will take place at 12:00 in Keeldra Lake. Volunteers for the swim are greatly appreciated, as is support on the day. For more information and sponsorship cards contact Lorraine on 086-3256467 or +971559355647 on WhatsApp.

What is Advent?

Advent is an invitation to start again at the beginning. To start again at the beginning in the sense of following more consciously the Church's calendar that will lead us through Christmas to Easter and beyond to Pentecost. To start again at the beginning in the sense of seizing hold of the remnants of our Christian faith and committing ourselves afresh to its practical outworking in our daily lives. Our hope of healing first whispers to us in the voice crying in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Such indeed is the beginning of the good news of Jesus for us. Perhaps our hearts today are like that famous inn at Bethlehem, too full to accommodate his birth within us. Unburdening ourselves of our sins would be a first step in making our hearts more like the Christmas stable, an unlikely place, but empty and waiting and ready for the birth of God.

Offertory Collection: Cloone € 715.00. Aughavas € 445.00.
 (Sunday & 8th December).