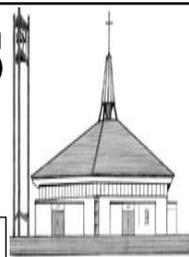


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22nd Dec. 2019



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Pdraig Kelly, Annaghmacooney, Cloone whose funeral took place in St. Mary's Church, Cloone on Thursday last.

Masses:

Cloone: Sat. 21st Dec. 8.00 pm. Gerard Moran, Edenbawn and his Grandparents, Ann & Peter Moran, Gortnalougher. Con & Brigid Mahon and their son Con, Gortnaragh. Pat Gallogly, Tooma and his sister Bridget Burbridge who died recently & D.F.M.
Cloone: Sun. 22nd Dec. 10.00 am. John Joe Donohue, Rocullion and Mary & John Donohue.

Aughavas: Sun. 22nd Dec. 11.30 am. Pro Populo.

Cloone: Mon 23rd Dec. 10.00 am.

Christmas Masses: Tuesday 24th December—Christmas Eve: Rossan: 6.00 pm.

Aughavas: 8.00 pm; Cloone: 10.00 pm.

Cloone: Wed. 25th Dec. 10.00 am. **Christmas Day.**

Aughavas: Wed. 25th Dec. 11.30 am. **Christmas Day.**

Cloone: Thurs. 26th Dec. 11.00 am.

Cloone: Fri. 27th Dec. 10.00 am.

Cloone: Sat. 28th Dec. 8.00 pm. Charlie Mitchell, Streamstown.

Cloone: Sun. 29th Dec. 10.00 am. John & Bridie McGovern, The Grange & Michael Brady, Keeldra.

Aughavas: Sun. 29th Dec. 11.30 am.

Eucharistic Adoration : Aughavas: Monday 6pm—9pm on Monday 23rd December.

Eucharistic Adoration will not take place in Cloone on Tuesday 24th December.

Penance Service and Confession in Preparation for Christmas:

Monday 23rd December: Drumsna 7.00 pm; Mohill 8.00 pm.

Aughavas Parish Improvements Scheme Ltd: We have a number of vacancies on our CE scheme in the Aughavas area. If you are interested then call the Intreo office in Carrick-on-Shannon on (071) 965 0070 to confirm eligibility or contact Terry Williams 0862072550.

Cloone Playground Committee Church gate collection this weekend, 21st/22nd December. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Women's Little Christmas Black Dress ladies Lunch on Sun. 5th January in Kilonan Castle in aid of North West Simon Community – Tickets now on sale €45 to include meal & wine– ideal Christmas Gift. Contact Mary on 087 7708865 for further details. Tickets also online on Eventbrite.

The Christmas Day Swim in aid of Pieta House 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 Declan on 087-9408117.

Aughavas/Cloone Active Age Annual Dinner Dance will be held on Friday 17th January 2020 in the Breffni Arms, Arva at 7 pm. Interested persons are welcome to join us for a good night's music and spot prizes. Transport arranged. Further enquiries to Teresa Slevin on 087 6188795, Irene Argue on 087 7940413 or Marian Shanley on 087 2733986.

New Years day walk /jog around Bóthar na Naomh trail. Meeting at centre at 1 pm. Tea and refreshments in the centre at 1.30 pm. Everyone welcome for this free event. A great start to 2020, meeting the neighbours.

Christmas Message 2019: We are all familiar with the story of Christmas – the journey that Mary and Joseph embarked on, their expectancy and anticipation of the imminent arrival of the baby Jesus. But, as we celebrate Christmas 2019 in a world that is troubled and where so many people have to leave home because of war and persecution, we might reflect on the fact that at the very centre of the Christmas story were two people also seeking a welcome from strangers. Mary and Joseph were displaced and seeking accommodation at a vulnerable time in their lives. Their immediate concern was to find shelter and safety for the birth of their child. One man took pity on the couple and gave them shelter in a stable. During our recent listening process, which took place as part of our preparations for next year's Diocesan Assembly, the joys, anxieties and hopes that come with family life were very clearly expressed to me. Receiving help in our times of need is a concern that all families share. Pope Francis recently tweeted 'The true worship of God is always expressed in love of one's neighbour'. So, this Christmas I would like to remember and pray for two groups of people: those in need of assistance and those who give assistance. Those who need assistance include all who are homeless, our own people and displaced people who come to our shores seeking refuge and the welcome of strangers. Those who give assistance include the many women and men who work with the emergency services who are there when needed, medical personnel, ambulance, fire brigade, Garda Síochána and a great number of volunteers and organisations who make all the difference. As we see the selfless assistance these people give, might we also be inspired to look out for each other through the coming year? As we remember the birth of Jesus, our Saviour may we be inspired to carry the love of God and the hope of Christmas into the world. And may all of you, your family, and your friends have a wonderful and blessed Christmas.

Francis Duffy

Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois

St. Joseph

'I have great love for St. Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength Joseph's rest revealed God's will to him. In this moment of rest in the Lord, as we pause from our many daily obligations and activities, God is also speaking to us. But like St. Joseph, once we have heard God's voice, we must rise from our slumber; we must get up and act.'

Pope Francis

Christmas is very near now, and we are busy and preoccupied with our preparations. A good time, perhaps, to pause in silence, to rest with God, and to listen to what he might have to say to us.

Offertory Collection:

Aughavas €700.00;

Cloone €640.00.