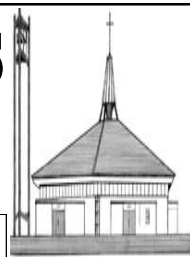


# Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Pray for** the happy repose of the soul of Delia Brownlee (nee McCarthy, Killafee), mother of Althea Beirne who died recently.

### Masses

**Cloone:** Sat. 12th Dec. 8.00 pm.

**Cloone:** Sun. 13th Dec. 10.00 am.

**Aughavas:** Sun. 13th Dec. 11.30 am. Pro. Populo.

**Cloone:** Mon. 14th Dec. 10.00 am. Charlie O'Rourke, Aughalough.

Séan Cooney and his parents John Joe & Annie & D.F.M.

**Cloone:** Tues. 15th Dec. 10.00 am. Pdraig Kelly, 1st Anniv. & his parents Leo & Ettie, Annamaconway.

**Rossan:** Tues. 15th Dec. 7.00 pm.

**Cloone:** Wed. 16th Dec. 10.00 am.

**Cloone:** Thurs. 17th Dec. 10.00 am. Pat Gallogly & D.F.M., Tooma.

**Cloone:** Fri. 18th Dec. 8.00 pm. Michael Kellegher, Annahmacoolen.

**Cloone:** Sat. 19th Dec. 8.00 pm.

**Cloone:** Sun. 20th Dec. 10.00 am.

**Aughavas:** Sun. 20th Dec. 11.30 am.

**Week-day Masses:** Please note that all week-day Masses in Cloone this week will be live streamed without a congregation.

**Eucharistic Adoration: Cloone—Tuesday 15th December from 8.00—9.00 pm.**

**Annual Parish Calendar:** There are copies in the church porch. You are welcome to take extra for people who cannot attend the church and for people who are abroad.

**Christmas Communion Calls:** Anyone who is housebound and wishes to receive Holy Communion during the Christmas period, please contact Fr. Peter Tiernan.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES IN AUGHAVAS:

- Due to current restrictions, the congregation at each Mass is limited to 50 people. This means that unfortunately many members of our community will not be able to attend Mass in church for Christmas.
- We will not be using tickets or online booking, so there will be stewards at entrance doors to regulate seating on first come first served basis.
- Our Christmas Masses will be streamed online via webcam, and also broadcast through the outdoor loudspeakers.
- As only 50 people are allowed at each Mass, we reluctantly advise that larger family groups might be avoided. This is to try to make the best use of limited space.
- We thank you for your patience and understanding, and we look forward to having normal church gatherings again in the near future.

### CHRISTMAS CEREMONIES IN CLOONE:

Special concessions for Places of Worship to reopen for religious services at Level 3 are in place from 1st December, in light of the upcoming Christmas period. This is to be reviewed in January. This allows for up to 50 worshippers only to attend Services. This will have to be strictly adhered to, for the safety and reassurance of all attending.

### **Mass times over the Christmas period will be as follows;**

Thursday 24/12, Christmas Eve Cloone at 10pm. (Aughavas at 8pm).

Friday 25/12, Cloone at 10am. (Aughavas 11.30 am.)

Sat 26/12, Cloone at 8pm.

Sunday 27/12, Cloone at 10am. (Aughavas 11.30 am).

The usual protective measures will be in place:

- 2m social distancing guidelines adhered to (members of the same household can sit/stand close together).
- Wearing of face coverings and sanitising.
- Separate points of entrance and exit, clearly marked.
- No congregation by people outside the church before and after Mass.

All Masses will be broadcast online as normal. Access to the church for Mass attendance will be on a first come, first served basis with any excess numbers able to hear the Mass in their cars. Communion will be distributed at the door of the church. Weekday masses, anniversary masses etc. will remain online for now and this will be reviewed in the New Year.

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS, AUGHAVAS:** We hope to resume Saturday evening Mass in Aughavas from 2nd January, 2021. However, if this is to happen, we will urgently need more stewards and more people willing to help with sanitising, in addition to our usual requirement for Communion Ministers, readers and counters. If you feel that you can help in any way, especially with regard to stewarding or sanitising, please contact one of the following - Fr Peter Tiernan, Enda McNamara, John Moran or any other member of Aughavas Pastoral Council - preferably before Christmas.

### **Guidance from the HSE on places of Worship during the Advent / Christmas season:**

Congregational singing, choir singing and carol singing is not permitted, due to the increased risk of spreading virus to others present at the service. Playing musical instruments that are wind-blown by mouth should also be avoided. Playing other instrumental music (e.g. keyboard, string, percussion) is possible.

**Advent Safeguarding Message 2020:** The last nine months have been very difficult for many people with the continuing threat to health, lives and livelihood.

As we prepare for Christmas during this season of Advent we remember that Jesus Christ was born into a family and there he grew up. Although Church activities have been restricted for most of this year our commitment to safeguarding children continues.

I thank Parish Safeguarding Representatives and our priests for their thorough and vigilant 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 (087 743 1649) or our Deputy Designated Liaison Person, Róisín O'Doherty (087 705 7516).

Francis Duffy

Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois

**Youth 2000:** The Youth 2000 Christmas E-Retreat will take place from the 18th - 20th of December. Registration is now free on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)