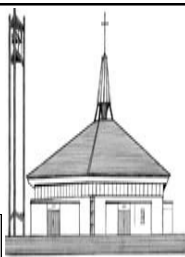




# Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

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## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

**Pray for** the happy repose of the soul of Eileen Haley (nee Bohan) daughter of Elizabeth Bohan (nee Williams), Rossan, who died in Phoenix, Arizona and Brigid Wynne (nee Curran), Drumkeeran and formerly of Corriga (sister of the late Mary Jo Curran).

### Masses

<b>Cloone:</b> Sat. 26th Dec.	8.00 pm.	
<b>Aughavas:</b> Sun. 27th Dec.	11.30 am.	Pro Populo.
<b>Cloone:</b> Mon. 28th Dec.	8.00 pm.	Gerry & Aidan Keegan, Coroneary. Charlie Mitchell, Streamstown.
<b>Cloone:</b> Tues. 29th Dec.	10.00 am.	
<b>Cloone:</b> Wed. 30th Dec.	10.00 am.	
<b>Cloone:</b> Thurs. 31st Dec.	10.00 am.	Mary Tiernan, Cornagher. M.M.
<b>Cloone:</b> Fri. 1st Jan.	10.00 am.	<b>Feast of Mary the Mother of God.</b>
<b>Aughavas:</b> Sat: 2nd Jan.	7.00 pm.	
<b>Cloone:</b> Sun. 3rd Jan.	10.00 am.	

*Please Note that all weekend and week day Masses will be live streamed and without a congregation.*

**Vigil Mass returns to Aughavas on Saturday 2nd January 2021 at 7.00 pm.**

### Christmas Message 2020:

A year ago, in preparation for our Diocesan Assembly, I referred to “the joys, anxieties and hopes that come with family life”. Little did we know then the extraordinary challenges that 2020 would entail.

We have missed what we value most - people. We miss being with and among people, all the ordinary everyday encounters, free from restriction and anxiety. Christmas brings thoughts of people who are no longer with us, especially those who died during this year. We miss those we cannot visit as freely as usual, especially our family and friends who are in hospital or in nursing homes.

We cannot gather as a community to worship the Lord as we normally do; we long to be back. Priests and parishioners carry out Trojan work to keep our churches welcoming and safe and we are grateful to them for their work and care. Although we have experienced lockdown and restrictions the Lord is present with us in so many ways.

At Christmas we celebrate the arrival of God’s son among us. The story of the first Christmas in Bethlehem was full of hope and joy. What was expected for so long had come to pass. The Christmas story always refreshes our joy and our hope. The joy that each human life is of vital importance to God because of the baby in Bethlehem. The hope that this baby has changed the way we see ourselves, one another and our destiny.

We hope that life will become safer and less restricted because, decisions taken by individuals will, collectively, reduce the threat to health, lives and livelihoods. There is the hope that vaccines will assist in our great efforts to be safe. During 2020, there were times

of sacrifice, when some of our normal freedoms were curtailed for the common good. There are many examples of great care and generosity throughout our parishes. We are grateful to all in leadership, essential services and in our communities whose work and sacrifice contribute to our safety.

The candles on the Advent Wreath are lit one Sunday after another, ushering us closer and closer, week by week, to Christmas. We look forward with great hope to celebrating the birth of the Saviour. Our hope is in him.

I wish you and your family and friends at home and abroad a happy Christmas.

**Francis Duffy**

**Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois**

**DIocese OF ARDAGH AND CLONMACNOIS** - Worship from 24th December 2020 until reviewed by Government on 12th January 2020:

### **Mass:**

Christmas Masses may take place up to and including 25th December. With effect from 26th December public worship moves on line. Please ensure that no congregation is present; please keep the doors locked until after Mass. This applies to all Sunday and weekday Masses, Anniversary and Month’s Mind Masses. Outside speakers should not be used at this time as organised outdoor gatherings are not allowed at Level 5.

### **Churches:**

Churches may remain open for private prayer. Please have hand gel available at entry and exit points and ensure that frequently touched surfaces are sanitised as often as possible.

### **Sacraments and devotions:**

All other ceremonies cease for the duration of Level Five including Baptism and the Sacrament of Penance.

Novenas and other devotional practices may take place on line only, with no congregation present.

### **Funerals:**

With effect from 24th December up to 10 mourners may attend at a funeral service. Hand sanitising, social distancing on entry and exit and at communion time and all other regulations are to be followed.

### **Weddings:**

Currently, up to 25 guests may attend a wedding in church. With effect from Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 the number of guests permitted to attend is reduced to 6. Hand sanitising, social distancing on entry and exit and at communion time, and all other regulations are to be followed.

### **Anointing of the Sick and First Friday Calls:**

Anointing of the sick may take place when invited by the family and taking all the necessary precautions of hand sanitising, social distancing, face covering and anointing with a cotton bud. First Friday calls are not to take place under Level 5. Level 5 details are at: [www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie) Details for places of worship are available at:

<https://www.hpsc.ie/az/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/religioussettingsguidance/>

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**Charitable Donations Scheme:** Thanks to all who returned the annual tax relief for ms. Aughavas Parish received €4,238.63 and Cloone Parish received €3,922.25.

**Offeratory Collection: (20th December): Cloone €1,495.00; Aughavas €1,085.00; Shrine: Cloone €250.00.**