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3rd Sunday of Advent

Pray for Kathleen Conefrey, late of Drumshanbo (aunt of Maeve Quinn, Drumhalla, Cloone) whose funeral took place on Sunday last and Mary Ellen Corr (nee Clarke), Drumlish, Co. Longford (mother of Chrissie Kenny, Meiltron, Aughavas) whose funeral took place on Monday last.

Masses:

Cloone: Sat. 11th Dec. 8.00 pm.

Cloone: Sun. 12th Dec. 10.00 am.

Aughavas: Sun. 12th Dec. 11.30 am. Pro. Populo.

Cloone: Mon. 13th Dec. 10.00 am. Pat Gallogly & D.F.M., Tooma.

Rossan: Tues. 14th Dec. 7.00 pm.

Aughavas: Wed. 15th Dec. 10.00 am.

Cloone: Thurs. 16th Dec. 10.00 am.

Cloone: Fri. 17th Dec. 8.00 pm. Noeleen Casey, Drumdarkin. M.M.

Cloone: Sat. 18th Dec. 8.00 pm.

Cloone: Sun. 19th Dec. 10.00 am.

Aughavas: Sun. 19th Dec. 11.30 am.



Baptism: Thomas Michael Kiernan, Corriga was welcomed into the Christian community in Aughavas .

Weekday Masses in Cloone and Aughavas: People may attend Mass on weekdays in Cloone and Aughavas. It will be the responsibility of those attending Mass to sanitise the area which they are occupying. This will mean that those attending will need to bring their own sanitising wipes and take care of the area which they are occupying.

The Irish Catholic: The Irish Catholic newspaper is available each week in both churches. It costs €2.50. Please put the money for the newspaper in the Candle Shrine.

Parish Calendar for 2022: There are copies available in the church porches. You are welcome to take extra for people who cannot attend church and for family living abroad.

Advent Wreath: Thanks to Josephine Kenny for preparing the Advent Wreath in St. Joseph's church, Aughavas. Thanks to Diane Beirne for preparing the Advent Wreath in St. Mary's church, Cloone.

Thanks: Many thanks to all those who have been contributing to the Offertory Collection and the Priest's Dues Collection all during the pandemic. Thanks also to all those who have made a substantial contribution to the Offertory Collection or Priest's Dues Collection since we have recommenced having a congregation at Mass.

Confessions in Aughavas from 11.00 am to 11.30 am on Saturday 18th December.

Confessions in Cloone from 7.00 pm to 7.30 pm on Saturday 18th December.

Christmas Carol Service 2021: This year three Maynooth College and University choirs will gather for the annual carol service: the College Chapel Choir, directed by Dr John O' Keeffe; the Schola Gregoriana, led by Dr Darina McCarthy; and Maynooth University Chamber Choir, under the direction of Dr Michael Dawson. Following public health guidance, a much-reduced congregation will attend this year's carol service, which will be livestreamed on Wednesday 15th December at 7:30pm on www.maynoothcollege.ie. The service will be led by the President of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Rev Prof Michael Mullaney.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

1. 'What should we do?' The common thread in John's answers was to encourage his questioners to be other-centred rather than self-centred, each in the context of their own circumstances. In your experience what difference has it made for you when you changed your attitude in this way?
2. John told the people in a direct and honest way what they should do. Perhaps you have had friends who did not beat about the bush but have told you honestly what they thought about your behaviour when you asked them? In gratitude recall such friends.
3. The humility of John comes out in this passage, happy to acknowledge that he only had a minor role to play in relation to the Messiah. At the same time, he was enthused by his mission to 'proclaim the good news to the people.' What difference has it made for you when you were able to see the good in yourself, and use your gifts without having to score by portraying yourself as greater than someone else?

Prayer for Those Suffering with Depression

Lord, You know the darkness that envelops me. This cloud descends on me and, when it does, I seem to lose all perspective. It seems like it will never lift. I know I have pulled out of it before, but when it starts again, it clouds everything.

Help me to trust in You in this difficult time. I know that after the rain, the sun shines again and that above the clouds, the sun is always shining. But please impress this conviction in my heart, so that Your gift of hope will carry me through. I believe that You can heal me and so I entrust myself to You.

Give me the graces I need to 'hang in there' until Your healing Love, which I know is constantly working on me, finally penetrates and gives me the relief that I need.

Amen.

Out of His infinite glory, may he give you the power through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong.

Ephesians 3:16

Offertory Collection: (28th Nov.) **Cloone** € 445.00.

November Dues: **Aughavas** € 1,530.00; **Cloone** € 2,075.00.