

Aughavas & Cloone Parishes

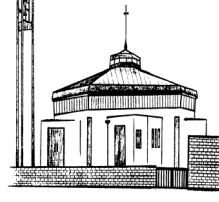
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4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Message 2013: St Luke wrote "As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart" (Lk 2: 19). It is an image of Mary in the midst of all the excitement and the danger, quietly recognising that something special was happening to her and to her son. We often reflect on what we treasure: our spouses, our children, our parents and those who are very close to us, they are our treasures and they impact on our hearts. Sometimes our treasure is gone: bereavement can leave us feeling empty. The absence of family members who are abroad can leave our Christmas celebration incomplete. Many people think about Jesus in Bethlehem and wonder what this tells us about God and about being human? It has to do with the treasure that God is to us, the treasure that we are to God and the treasure that we can be to each other. I hope that the message of Christmas will us bring peace and joy and help us treasure what is important. Happy Christmas to all.

+ Francis Duffy

Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois ©

Christmas Message from Fr. Sam: Christmas is a time of peace and tranquillity, of joy and happiness when the Christ child draws us back to the great mystery of God taking on our humanity so that we might share in his Divinity. It is a time of sharing God's goodness with one another in that spirit of joy that our Saviour has come into the world. I wish every parishioner a very happy and joyful Christmas. As you all know by now I had a stroke on the 24th October last. I am very grateful to all who have sent me cards, emails, texts or phone calls. I thank you for your prayers and good wishes. I miss very much the Christmas atmosphere and all that surrounds the preparations and celebration of the feast. I wish you all a happy new year. I would like to conclude with a special word of thanks to all the good people who have looked after the parishes in my absence, especially Fr. Willie, John, Marie, Pat, Bernie and Evelyn. **Fr. Sam. ©**

Masses:

Cloone: Sat. 21/12/'13. 7.00 pm. Pat Gallogly & Dfm, Tooma. A.
Con Mahon, Gortnaraw. A.

Cloone: Sun. 22/12/'13. 10.00 am.

Aughavas: Sun. 22/12/'13. 11.30 am. Noel Blessing & Dfm, Aughnaglace. A.

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Tuesday 24/12/'13— Christmas Eve: Rossan 6pm; Aughavas 8pm; Cloone 10pm.

Wednesday 25/12/'13— Christmas Day: Cloone 10am. John & Bridie McGovern,
The Grange. A.

Aughavas: 11.30 am.

Aughavas: Thurs: 26/12/'13. **11.00 am.**

Cloone: Sat. 28/12/'13. 7.00 pm. John Flood, Camber. M.M.

Cloone: Sun. 29/12/'13. 10.00 am.

Aughavas: Sun. 29/12/'13. 11.30 am.

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS: CLOONE: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers for Christmas Eve same as Saturday Evening's; Christmas Day same as Sunday's. AUGHAVAS: Christmas Eve same as Sunday's; Christmas Day yet to be arranged.

Please Note that there is Mass in Aughavas on Thursday 26th December at **11.00 am.**

Church Envelopes 2014: If there is any parishioner who is already subscribing to basket each week, and would like to have a box of envelopes, please call to sacristy after any week-end Mass and leave details. An up-to date list will be drawn up early in New Year. All 2013 envelopes should be used up to Sunday 29th December. ©

Aughavas Artist Calendar 2014 on sale in local shops. 12 local scenes by local artists. Proceeds to local charity.

Cake Sale: St. Joseph's Ladies are holding a fundraising cake sale this Sunday 22nd December at Aughavas GAA Club Rooms after 11.30am Mass. Please support!

Senior Help Line is open over Christmas: Senior Help Line, Ireland's only confidential listening service for older people provided by older volunteers is open 365 days of the year. The help line is open every day of the Christmas holiday and New Year season from 10am till 10pm. So don't be alone. We are there. Phone Senior Help Line LoCall 1850 440 444, (no call costing more than 30 cent).

St. Joseph's NS Raffle Winners 2013: Margaret Gallogly—Stewarts Oil Voucher; Ray McNama—Stewarts Oil Voucher; Ciara Prior—Chocolates; Jack McGovern—Bottle of wine; Ray McNama—Sweets; John Murray—Biscuits; Brendan McGuire—Sweets; Niamh Beirne—Ladies gift; Patricia Kiernan—Biscuits; Liam McGovern—Ladies gift; Linda McLoughlin—Bottle of wine; Jack Matthews, Mohill—Hamper; Patricia Kiernan—Hamper; Matthew Canning—Hamper; Dee Owens, The Forge—Hamper; Philip Casey—Hamper; Seamus Tiernan—Hamper; Catherine Folan, Carraroe, Co. Galway—Main Hamper. The staff and Board of Management of St Joseph's NS would like to sincerely thank all those who donated prizes and supported their Christmas raffle.

Offertory Collection: Aughavas € 540.00; Cloone € 740.00.