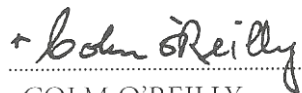


Christmas Message from the Bishop

Some people who are promoting healthy eating habits like to tell us that “we are what we eat”. At Christmas there is a different way of describing what we are which appeals to me. It says: “You are what you give”. This appeals greatly to me because it is close to the essential meaning of Christmas. What we celebrate at this time is the greatest gift of all, the gift of the Son of God who gave himself to us.

It is my hope and best wish for all of you that whatever you give to others may contain something of yourselves. Gifts and messages which clearly show our love, our care and even our forgiveness can be especially welcome. When this truly happens both the giver and the receiver are the richer for the gift.

I wish you every blessing and happiness for your Christmas and for the year which follows.



+COLM O'REILLY

Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois

Christmas Wayfarers:

Cathal O'BYRNE

*So, for the sake of the two who went out of the city by bridle lanes down to Bethlehem,
And failed to find there, for love or pity, a kindly soul who would welcome them,
Redden the hearth, let the comfort-sharing, glow of the peat-fire shine fair and bright,
And may a tired poor man and a maiden wearing a mantle of blue, be our guests to-night.*

**Guímis go Mbeimid go léir faoi choimirce na Maighdine
Muire agus an Linbh Íosa I rith na Nollag seo.**

**Beannachtaí na Nollag agus Rath Dé oraibh féin agus ar
bhur muintir uile in Éireann agus I bfad o bhaile.**

Offertory Collection: Aughavas € 690.00; Cloone € 835.00.

Christmas 2012

**Christmas Blessings of the New Born Prince of Peace, upon
all our Parishioners, at home or spread across the four conti-
nents of the world.**

'The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us'

John 1:14

**'May the birth of the Prince of Peace remind the world
where its true happiness lies; and may our hearts be filled
with hope and joy, for the Saviour has been born for us'**

Pope Benedict XVI



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23rd Dec.'12



Confessions for Christmas: Sunday 23/12/'12 Fenagh 7.00 pm.

Cloone 8.00 pm.

There will be four priests available in each church. Parishioners are encouraged to avail of the sacrament in preparation for the Saviour's Birth.

Masses for Christmas:

Monday 24/12/'12 Christmas Eve: Rossan: 6.00 pm

Aughavas: 8.00 pm

Cloone: 10.00 pm

**Tuesday 25/12/'12 Christmas Day: Cloone 10.00 am.
Aughavas 11.30 am.**

Masses:

Cloone: Sat. 22/12/'12 7.00 pm Con Mahon Gortnaraw A
John Joe Donohoe & dfm Rocullion A

Cloone: Sun. 23/12/'12 10.00 am

Aughavas: Sun. 23/12/'12 11.30 am Noel Blessing Aughnaglace A
Dan Kiernan & dfm Corrigan A

No mass from Christmas day until Saturday, Baptism in Aughavas on Saturday at 12.30 pm

Cloone: Sat. 29/12/'12 7.00 pm Michael McGarty & dfm Edergole A

Cloone: Sun 30/12/'12 10.00 am Michael, Catherine & Thomas Murray Adoon A

Aughavas: Sun. 30/12/'12 11.30 am Annie & John Joe Cooney Clonsarn A

Parish Calendars For 2013 are available in the Church Porches of both Parishes. You are welcome to take one. They contains useful **Parish Information** for the coming year and also the **Telephone Numbers of Local Clergy** that may be needed in emergency situations.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Aughavas: Monday 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Cloone: Tuesday 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

A Pro-Life vigil/March is taking place on **Saturday 19th January 2013.** This vigil is extremely important to help protect unborn children. A bus will be going from Aughavas and Cloone. To book call 086 8775036.

Pro-Life meeting this Sunday 21st Dec. '12 at 1.00 pm in the Parish House Aughavas to help protect the unborn at this crucial time. Everyone welcome.

Final Call: Anyone who still wishes to participate in the Charity Tax Rebate Scheme in favour of Cloone or Aughavas parishes are requested to hand in their Tax Relief forms in the next two weeks.

Sincere thanks to all who have handed in their forms already. As said before the scheme is of significant help to the income of both parishes.

Fatima N.S.: Well done to the pupils of Fatima N.S. on their great concert on Thursday night and thanks to all who supported it.

Fundraising Cycle: Carrick on Shannon Deanery Lourdes Assisted Pilgrimage committee are having a (50K & 20K) cycle on **St Stephen's Day** leaving Trail Blazers (Dublin Rd) at 10.00 am. Helmets essential. Please come along and join us for this worthy cause. Donations taken as a registration fee. Refreshments on the day.

Aughavas GAA St Stephens Day Fundraiser: Aughavas U30's managed by John Conefrey (Snr) will play Aughavas Over 30's managed by Terry Shortt for the Sean Kiernan Cup. The game kicks off at 2pm. Proceeds on the Day will go to The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association (IMNDA).

Aughavas GAA Lotto: Our next lotto draws takes place in McCaffreys on St. Stephens Day at 6pm. Jackpot €2,200.00.

Annual Christmas Table Quiz: Our Annual Table Quiz will be held in Creegan's Bar next Friday December 28th at 9.30pm sharp. All are welcome for what is always an entertaining night. So be sure to keep that night free!

Cloone GAA would like to thank everyone for their support in 2012, it was a good year for the club with the official opening of the new club rooms, the Juniors winning the league and lots of other successful events throughout the year. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to your continued support in 2013

November: The total amount raised during November was €1,665. A big thank you once again to everyone who supported the lads during the month for a very worthy cause.

Bingo in Cloone Community Centre on St. Stephen's Day at 6 pm. Please support.