

Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Newsletter

Clane Church, 1884 – 2017

Rathcoffey Church, 1710 – 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

10th December 2017

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Masses for the Week

Clane				
Saturday 9th	6.30pm	Joseph Horan, Elizabeth & Louis Maher, Andrew Dunne		
Sunday 10th	9.30am	Martin Sweeney, Eileen Kelly, Pat Hanlon		
	11.30am	William Joyce, Elizabeth McManus, Billy Travers, Pauline Veronica (Ronnie) Canning, Fr Joseph Travers, Rosario Navaro Gallegos, Laurence Lee, Maurice & Mary Lee, Michael Lee, Seamus Morrissey, Peggy & Christopher Maguire, Anne Callan & Deceased Family Members, Eileen Kelly Martin Benson, Thomas Dowd		
Monday 11th	10.00am			
Tuesday 12th	10.00am	Joe & Ellen Flynn		
Wed 13th	10.00am			
Thursday 14th	10.00am	Betty Wallace, Maurice Kane, Peter Kavanagh		
Friday 15th	10.00am	Thomas Morris (Birthday Remembrance), Raymond Campbell, Thomas & Elizabeth Campbell, Louise Fall, Teresa McLoughlin		
Saturday 16th	10.00am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion		
	6.30pm	Teresa McLoughlin, Seamus Moore, Patrick & Mary Moore, Thomas & Elizabeth Ryan, Ann Prendergast, Brid & Seamus Moloney, Brian Merriman & Deceased Family Members, Andrew & Anne Dunne & Deceased Family Members, William, Rose, Tommy & Paddy Tallon		
Sunday 17th	9.30am	Patrick Kelleher, Joe Higgins, Caroline Butler, Garry Power		
	11.30am	Jack Breslin, Thomas, Mary & Frank Spain, Nicholas & Mary Keary		
Rathcoffey				
Sunday 9th	10.30am	Tom & Joan Dowd		
Sunday 17th	10.30am	Seamus Noonan, Patsy Tierney & Deceased Family Members,. Jimmy, Mary, Francie, John & Seamie Reilly, Annie Dreelan		

	Saturday 16th 6.30pm	Sunday 17th 9.30am	Sunday 17th 11.30am	Sunday 17th 10.30am
	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
Ministers of the Eucharist	Moira Fogarty Sara Gorman Roisin Gorman Teresa Grace Erica Grehan	Margaret McDonald Hilary McDonnell Mary O'Dea Mary O'Neill James Plunkett	Margaret Maguire Colette O'Byrne Marie O'Connell Sean O'Hara Sean O'Riordan	Anne Marie Doyle Anne Giffney
Ministers of the Word Servers	Nicholas Fitzgerald Cyrena Hayes	Eleanor Cunney Des Drumm	Pdraig McEvoy Tony McEvoy	Alvagh Cronin
	9	10	1	3
Basket Collectors (December)	Damian McCaffrey Joe Higgins Mick Gill	John Ryan Nick Fitzgerald Paddy Moore	Kathleen Browne PJ Sheridan Martin Monaghan	
Service of the Word and Holy Communion Sat 16th			Damian McCaffrey, Una Duffy	

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Weekend Mass Times

Clane

Saturday 6.30pm
Sunday 9.30am
11.30am

Rathcoffey

Sunday 10.30am

Parish Shop and Office

The Parish Centre
Main Street Clane

OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday 9.30am – 1.30pm
Saturday 10.30am – 1pm

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The Deep End; Are you ready?

“It’s a terrible thing, I think, in life to wait until you are ready. I have this feeling now that actually no one is ever ready to do anything. There is almost no such thing as ready. There is only now. And you may as well do it now. Generally speaking, now is as good a time as any.

Hugh Laurie

I’m not ready—we all think it or say it from time to time. It could be as simple as not being able to find your shoes to leave the house, or a more serious situation like being under prepared for a work presentation. It can also refer to our emotional state—we might not be ready to talk about an experience, to change a habit, to enter into a relationship, or to let go of a loved one. No one else can tell us if we are ready for a situation or not. It is something only we know. But there is some wisdom in the quote above, in that sometimes we need to push ourselves, to just dive in.

Triona Doherty

PARISH LOTTO DRAW
Tuesday 5th December 2017

3, 4, 6, 9

No winner of this weeks Jackpot

3 x €50 prize winners

C & PJ Gallagher, Mary Harrington,
Peggy Walsh

Promoters Draw – 2 x €50 prize winners

Peggy Walsh, Benevolent Fund

€25 prize winner

Jonathan McCann

Next week's Jackpot:

€ 13,000

Weekly Lotto tickets are available from
your local Promoter or the Parish Shop.

**Minimum €275 worth
of prizes every week.**

St Vincent de Paul Collection

**The collection last week
amounted to €8,715.65.**

**Many thanks to everyone for their
very generous support.
We wish everybody a happy and
blessed Christmas.**

Our Annual Parish Carol Service takes
place this Sunday, December 10th at
7pm in Clane Parish Church.

All are welcome.

O HOLY NIGHT CONCERT

Newbridge Parish present 'O Holy Night'
with the Owen C. Lynch Vocal Ensemble
and twenty piece orchestra on Sunday
17th December at 8.30pm. Tickets €20 on
Sale from Newbridge Parish Office 045
431 121 or Veronica 087 794 0850.
A spectacular night of festive music not
to be missed!

Thought for the Week

God of love and forgiveness, help me to respect those who are different to me.

Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Lotto

We would like to remind all those
who wish to renew their Annual
Subscription or return ticket stubs
can do so at the Parish Shop during the
week or in the Parish Centre each
Tuesday between 7.30pm and 8.45pm.

**Volunteer to get involved with the World
Meeting of Families 2018 There are many
opportunities to get involved in this event
next year. For details contact
volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie**

Parish Envelopes

Our yearly parish envelopes will be delivered
to parishioners who support the parish by
way of weekly envelope or standing order in
the next couple of weeks. We thank our area
co-ordinators for helping and all those who
contribute financially to our parish.

Pedal Cents

*We had an excellent turnout for our recent film
Home Alone 2 ON November 26th last in Clane
Church. Thank you to all who supported this family
fun event and to an excellent organising group who
raised €2000 for our Parish Development Fund.*

Congratulations to nine young people from our
parish who received Pope John Paul II Awards
from Bishop Denis last Wednesday evening in
Portlaoise. These awards are received by young
people who are actively engaged in both parish
and community life. Our group this year are
involved in many ways in parish, school and
community, from Faith Friends, singing in the
Folk Group and acting as Ministers of the Word
and Holy Communion, School Prefect and
Mentoring programmes, anti bullying initiatives
and training younger children in various sporting,
drama and other clubs. We thank them all, and
look forward to their continued involvement!
The are: Jenna Cross and Niall Little, Bronze
Awards; Lauren Deay, Stephen Doyle, Orla Fitz-
gerald, Roisin Gorman, Oriana Hackett and Cian
McKeon, Gold Awards, and Ciara Flaherty, the
Papal Cross Award.. Well done to all of them!

**Items for the Parish
Newsletter must be in to
the Parish Office by
12 noon on Wednesday**
Email claneparish@eircom.net

Clane Parish Shop
Saturday 16th December
Maura McCormack
Clane Altar Society
Ann Fadden, Fionnuala
Conroy

**Many thanks to those
who contributed,
and those who
collected and counted**
Basket € 2,109.30
Envelopes € 965.80

**The Scoil Mhuire Action Zambia
Concert takes place in Clane Church
on Thursday 14th December at
7.30pm. All are most welcome.**

Special sheets outlining all the Christmas
Ceremonies in the parish are available to
take home in both churches.

People are invited to take a tag from
the Giving Tree in Clane Parish
Church and to return a gift to the
churches or to the parish shop by
next Sunday, December 17th for
distribution by St Vincent de Paul

World Meeting of Families

The ninth World Meeting of Families takes place in
Dublin 21-26 August 2018.
In 1994, Pope Saint John Paul II asked the Pontifical
Council for the Family to establish the World
Meeting of Families (WMOF) as an international
event of prayer, catechesis and celebration that
draws participants from around the globe. Held at
three year intervals, the WMOF seeks to strengthen
the bonds between families and to witness to the
crucial importance of marriage and the family to all
of society. It fosters the process of accompaniment
of families in their mission. It also fosters gestures
of solidarity for families in difficulties.
The WMOF was first celebrated in Rome in 1994.
Since then the meetings have been hosted in Rio
de Janeiro 1997, Rome 2000, Manila 2003, Valencia
2006, Mexico City 2012, Philadelphia 2015,
and now Dublin 2018.
The principal events of the World Meeting of
Families 2018 are held in Dublin but events also
take place in other centres around Ireland.

There will be a bucket collection outside Masses for
the Kildare Branch of M.S. Ireland this weekend.
All proceeds will go towards the people with MS in
the Kildare area to fund essential services and some
social occasions that are essential to their
wellbeing. Thank you for your support.

Team Hope Shoebox Appeal 2017
Our community is sending **980** shoe box gifts
to communities and children in hospitals,
schools, shelters, churches, orphanages,
community centres, mountain villages and family
homes in **Malawi**. Your generosity, help and
support for the shoe box appeal of 2017 will
make a boy or girl feel special and will brighten
up their Christmas. A shoebox won't change
everything, but it will do far more than we
could ever imagine, by bringing Christmas to
children who have never experienced
anything like it before.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this
year's **Team Hope** Christmas shoe-box appeal.
*A special word of thanks to our team who
helped to collect, sort and dispatch our boxes;
and to the wider community of Clane, Allen and
surrounding areas, our schools, churches, the
many organisations and families who
participated ... a sincere and heartfelt
"Thank You". Special thanks to our apostolic
works society for their beautiful knitting and
Clane parish centre team whose assistance
is so necessary.*
**Thank you and a merry and peaceful
Christmas to all.**
Bernie & Edel

*Clane Community Council would like to thank all the
individuals and businesses that contributed to the
Clane Christmas lights and volunteered to install
and put up the lights.
The Christmas lights has been extended this year to
some additional areas including our new 'wall of
lights' at the Abbey. The lighting scheme now
includes up to 20,000 LED lights.
Clane Community Council would like to wish
everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas and
happy new year 2018.*

God of light and hope, look upon us in love
and fill us with your Spirit as we look forward
to the coming of your Son at Christmas.
Protect us in this Advent time as we wait
for the light of the world.

For more information
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WWW.KANDLE.IE (Diocesan website)