

Our Faithful Departed.....

Fr Tom Colreavy, Dublin Diocese, brother of Seamus Colreavy, Castlebrowne
 Peggy O'Dwyer, Clonmel, grandmother of Ailish Sheehan, Alexandra Walk
 John McGauran, brother of Arthur McGauran, Betaghstown
 James Ryan, Co Waterford, father of Margaret Collins, Richardstown
may they rest in peace, Amen.

Masses for the Week

Clane				
Saturday 11th Feb	6.30pm	Mary Malone, Peter & Kate O'Toole, Elizabeth (Lil) Ennis, Kevin O'Neill, Baby Noah Cribbin Maguire (First Anniversary), Jackie Cooper (Birthday Remembrance), Mick & Nellie Ennis, Lil & Johnny Reilly, Peter McCreery, Hilda Baylis, Patrick McCann		
Sunday 12th Feb	9.30am	Noel Maertens, Maura Travers, James Ryan		
	11.30am	Aidan Egan, Patrick Fallon, Sean Whistler, Tom McAuley		
Monday 13th Feb	10.00am			
Tuesday 14th Feb	10.00am	Noel Maertens, John Walsh (Birthday Remembrance)		
Wed 15th Feb	10.00am			
Thursday 16th Feb	10.00am			
Friday 17th Feb	10.00am			
Saturday 18th Feb	10.00am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion		
	6.30pm	Elizabeth Francie Bardon (Née Slevin), Margaret Slevin, Sheila Grinstead (Months Mind Mass), Ned & Ellen Cash, Noel Farrell, Patrick & Margaret Staunton, Pat Maloney (Months Mind Mass), May & Tommy Langan		
Sunday 19th Feb	9.30am			
	11.30am	Gabriel Muldowney & his parents Margaret & Bill Muldowney		

Rathcoffey

Sunday 12th Feb	10.30am	Jimmy, Mary (Milly) & Tomas Brilly, Mary McDonald
Sunday 19th Feb	10.30am	Dan Carr (Months Mind Mass), Hugh & Margaret Jennings

	Saturday 18th 6.30pm	Sunday 19th 9.30am	Sunday 19th 11.30am	Sunday 19th 10.30am
	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
Ministers of the Eucharist	Jeanette O'Rourke Anne Behan Caroline Behan Elizabeth Behan Padraig Carbury	Maura Losty Katherine Martin Paddy Moore Margaret McDonald Hilary McDonnell	Anna Wolfe Bernadette Allen Kathleen Browne Anna Connolly Alice Corbett	Siobhan McCrystal Catherine Moriarty
Ministers of the Word	Patricia O'Neill Amalia Alcaide	Patrick Cribbin Eleanor Cunney	Padraig McEvoy Tony McEvoy	Brendan Weld
Servers	2	9	1	3
Basket Collectors (February)	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 18th			Una Duffy, Damian McCaffrey	

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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 Story of St Valentine

In Ancient Rome, the festival of Lupercalia began on February 15th, the day supposedly when in early Spring the birds started mating. On the eve of the festival, young girls wrote love messages and placed them in a large urn. The young men of Rome each drew out a message from the urn and would court the girl whose name they had picked for the duration of the festival. This courtship often continued and ended up in marriage. However, in the early third century, the Roman Empire was experiencing a shortage of much needed soldiers for its military campaigns. Thinking that marriage was stopping men from entering the army, the Roman Emperor at that time, Claudius II, cancelled all engagements and weddings! In defiance, Valentine, a priest of Rome, secretly married young couples until his eventual arrest and imprisonment.

While in prison, Valentine prayed for the blind daughter of one of his jailers. Before his execution for the faith on February 14th, 269, Valentine wrote a farewell message to the girl, urging her to stay close to God, and signing it, "from your Valentine". It is said that when the little girl opened up the message that a yellow crocus fell out; looking down on the flower, the girl saw colour for the first time. She had been cured.

The original Roman festival was Christianised by Pope Gelasius in 498AD, when he named February 14th as St Valentine's Day. The crocus, which flowers about this time of year, is also known as St Valentine's flower.

The remains of St Valentine are now contained in a special altar at Whitefriar Street Church, Dublin since 1836.

**PARISH LOTTO DRAW
Tuesday 7th February 2017**

4, 5, 16, 19

No winner of this weeks Jackpot

3 x €50 prize winners

Liz Nichol, Donal O'Brien
Joe Higgins

Promoters Draw – 2 x €50 prize winners

Mamie O'Connell, Benevolent Fund

€25 prize winner

Darragh O'Brien

Next week's Jackpot:

€ 4,400

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

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

**We are looking forward to visiting
Glendalough this coming week with our
115 young people preparing for
Confirmation and their teachers for a
special retreat time.**

Our young people who celebrated their First
Confession last week received a lily bulb which
hopefully will be in full bloom by First
Communion time in May.

Love is patient, love is kind; Love is not
jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or
rude. Love does not insist on its own way,
it is not irritable or resentful; It does not
rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right.
Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.

Divine Mercy Conference in the RDS, Dublin,
on Saturday 25th February 2017. Mini Bus pick
up from Clane at 8.15am Limited number of
seats available. For details, phone Helen Mahon
045 868434 or 087 673 5573

Thought for the Week

People grow through experience if they meet life with courage.

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.

**Happy St Valentine's Day this
Tuesday, February 14th!**

In the month of January we
welcomed into the parish family:

Conor Daniel Durney
Ruby Nicole Roche
Darcey Rita Grennan
Eoghan William Berns
Ellie Teresa Doyle
Aidan Anthony Watson Duggan
Hayleigh Elizabeth Dunne
Archie Joseph Moone
Saoirse Lina Doyle
Saoirse Brigid Burke
Jack Edward Fenton

**Meeting of Returned Overseas
Volunteers & Lay Missionaries**

Have you ever volunteered overseas in
any kind of profession or have worked
as a lay missionary in Africa, Asia or
South America? Would you like to
meet up with like-minded people?
Join us for a special meeting which
takes place on Thurs Feb 16th at
7.30pm at the Church of the Irish
Martyrs (Ballycane Church) in Naas.

For more info email Jim
at jim.farrell@amri.ie or
phone/text 083 8422468.

**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 18th February
Maura McCormack
Clane Altar Society
Rose Langan,
Margaret Lee

**Many thanks to those
who contributed,
and those who
collected and counted**
Basket € 1,776.18
Envelopes € 1,294.12

**The Faith Friends programme
continues in Scoil Bhríde on
Friday evenings, with over
thirty young leaders giving
their time to help prepare the
young people who will receive
the Sacrament of Confirmation
next month. Thanks to all of
them for their commitment!**

Warning! It has come to our
attention that counterfeit €50
notes are in circulation in Clane

The annual thanksgiving Mass for the life
and work of Blessed Elect John Sullivan
SJ will be celebrated in Gardiner Street
Church, Dublin on Saturday 18th February
at 11am. Principal Celebrant is Most Rev.
Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin.

Knock Pilgrimage to New York
A special pilgrimage to New York
from Knock will take place from
8th—14th May. Flying directly from
Ireland West Airport to JFK, the
pilgrimage offers the chance to be
part of a memorable and historic
trip. Itinerary includes a Requiem
Mass on Saturday 13th May at Old
St Patrick's Cathedral for the
re-interment of the remains of
John Curry, the youngest of the
Knock witnesses, which will be
celebrated by His Eminence
Cardinal Dolan. For further
information contact Jow Walsh
Tours on 01 241 0800 or email
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A series of three training nights for
those involved in Liturgy in the parish
will be held at Mount St Anne's,
Portarlinton on March 2nd, 9th and
23rd, all Thursday evenings between
7.30pm and 9.30pm.
All are welcome to attend and can
book by contacting 059 916 4084

Clane Local History Group will present
a talk by Jim Heffernan, entitled
"Edward Wogan of Blackhall" on
Wednesday 15th February in the GAA
Centre, Clane at 8pm. Admission is
free and all are welcome.

Clane Branch Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann
Set dancing Céilí in aid of St Bridget's
Hospice this Sunday, 12th February from
4pm-7pm in Clane GAA Club. Admission
€12, includes refreshments.

Car Pool needed Clane to Newbridge
Suzanne 087 284 5506

Prosperous Dramatic Society presents
Edward Albee's
The Play about the Baby
Directed by Lurlene Duggan
On February 24th, 25th and 26th in
Prosperous Theatre
To book, please text 085 161 5590
(Suitable for over 16s)

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