

**Our Faithful Departed.....**

**Joe Lavelle, Liverpool, brother of Delia & Mary Nugent, Mount Armstrong  
.....may he rest in peace, Amen.**

**Masses for the Week**

<b>Clane</b>	
Saturday 17th 6.30pm	Dan Kerr (Months Mind Mass), Jackie Corrigan, Bridget Brannigan, Brigid Smullen, Joe Higgins, Laurence & Sarah Higgins, Michael & PJ O'Reilly, George & May Aldridge, Seamus Moore, Brian Merriman & Deceased Family Members, John & Rose Fogarty, Sr Frances Bernadine, Bill & Rose Tallon, Elizabeth & Louis Maher, Sean, Ann & Andrew Dunne, Jim o'Brien & Deceased Family Members, Ann Prendergast, Violet Moloney,
Sunday 18th 9.30am	Nicholas & Mary Keery, Malachy & Catherine Dempsey, Caroline Butler, Gary Power, Mary & Joseph Stanley, Anne Westby.
11.30am	Bill Malone, Alex Kelly & Deceased Family Members, Jack Breslin, Louise Fall, Michael Buggle John Mitchell (Months Mind Mass), Thomas, Mary & Frank Spain, Malachy O'Beirne, Margaret O'Driscoll, Patrick & Nan Cummins, Mary & Andrew Gill, Kate Boland,
Monday 19th 10.00am	
Tuesday 20th 10.00am	Nuala McElligott, John & Connie Cummins, Betty & Tom Whelan, Deceased Members of the Dunne Family
Wed 21st 10.00am	
Thursday 22nd 10.00am	Nora & Patrick Henry, Dympna O'Donnell, Gerry O'Donnell, Annie McGovern, Nora McGovern
Friday 23rd 10.00am	
Saturday 24th 6.30pm	Barry Gallagher, Sandra Cribbin, John & Kathleen Ussher, (Late of the Range, Donadea)
9.00pm	Nan McCormack, Ned & Mai Horken, Bridie & John Ryan, Eileen, William & Pat Burke, Austin Daly, Mary, Thomas & Des Daly, Sheila & Paddy Donovan, John Nolan, Margaret Murphy, Thomas & Mary Losty, Denis & Mary Colgan, John & Bridget Losty, Pauline, Paul & Peter Devine, Kevin & Thomas Maloney, Chris Kietz (Birthday Remembrance), Dynagh, Jack & Pat Mooney
Sunday 25th 9.30am	Adele O'Rafferty
11.30am	Brian Manzor

**Rathcoffey**

Sunday 18th 10.30am	Seamus Noonan, Patsy Tierney, Tom Dowd
Saturday 24th 8.30pm	Margaret Butler (Months Mind Mass)
Sunday 25th 10.30am	People of the Parish

	<b>Saturday 24th 6.30pm &amp; 9pm</b>		<b>Sunday 9.30am</b>	<b>Sunday 11.30am</b>	
	<b>Clane 6.30pm</b>	<b>Clane 9pm</b>	<b>Clane</b>	<b>Clane</b>	<b>Rathcoffey</b>
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Moira Fogarty Brid Lombard Noirin O'Hagan Peter O'Neill Claire O'Neill	Damian McCaffrey Jeanette O'Rourke Cora Redmond Mary O'Dea Moira O'Shaughnessy	Mary O'Neill James Plunkett Bernadette Ryan John Ryan Carmel Shortt	Bernadette Plunkett Patricia Richardson Rose Sullivan Maura Tutty Anna Wolfe	8pm 24th Grainne Ward Brendan Travers 10.30am 25th Jetta Weld Bernie Barry
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Nick Fitzgerald Cyrena Hayes	John Dunleavy John Farrelly	Pat Cribbin Eleanor Cunney	Mary Smith Harry Farrell	8pm 24th Anne Egan 10.30am 25th Niall Fagan
<b>Basket Collectors December</b>	Tom Casey Joe Higgins Mick Gill	Jack McCormack Damian McCaffrey Sean O'Hara	Maurice Shortt Nick Fitzgerald Paddy Moore	Damian McCaffrey Mick Richardson PJ Sheridan	

# Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Newsletter

**Clane Church, 1884 – 2011**

**Rathcoffey Church, 1710 – 2011**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**18th December 2011**

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## **Parish Contacts**

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#### **Parish Manager**

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## **Christmas Masses**

### **Christmas Eve,**

#### **Saturday 24th December**

Clane: 6.30pm & 9pm

Rathcoffey: 8.30pm

### **Christmas Day**

#### **Sunday 25th December**

Clane: 9.30am & 11.30am

Rathcoffey: 10.30am

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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 – 4pm  
Saturday 10.30am – 1pm

**Phone: 045-861393**

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**[www.claneparish.com](http://www.claneparish.com)**

**Care deeply  
Give freely,  
Think kindly,  
Act gently,  
And be at peace with  
the world.  
This is the spirit of  
Christmas.**

**PARISH LOTTO DRAW**  
**Tuesday 13th December 2011**  
**3, 16, 17, 21**

**No winner of this weeks Jackpot**

**3 x €50 prize winners**

Mary Landers, Orla Ryan,  
Margaret McDonald

**Promoters Draw – 2 x €50 prize winners**

Sean O'Hara, Moira Fogarty

**2 x €25 prize winners**

Joe Malone, Noel Fogarty

**Next week's Jackpot:**

**€ 9,500**

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

**Minimum €300 worth  
of prizes every week.**

Details of all our Christmas Masses and  
other Services are available on sheets in  
both churches, or on the parish  
website

[www.claneparish.com](http://www.claneparish.com)  
[www.rathcoffeyparish.com](http://www.rathcoffeyparish.com)

Our Parish Penance Service takes place on  
Tuesday 20th December at 7pm in Clane  
Church. Visiting priests will attend.

The Annual Christmas Collection for the  
Priests of the Parish takes place at all  
Masses on Christmas Day. Many thanks  
for parishioners' on-going support.

**Many thanks to all who took part in  
and attended last Sunday's Parish  
Carol Service in Clane Church. There  
was so much musical talent on display  
from our four parish choirs!**

**Thought for the Week**

Footprints on the sands of time are not made by sitting down....

**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.

**Many thanks to those who  
contributed to our parish Lourdes  
Fund at last weekend's Carol  
Service. €595 was collected.**

The Parish Baptism Team are delighted  
to invite all those children who were  
baptised during 2011 to attend a special  
Mass of Blessing on the Feast of the  
Baptism of our Lord, at 11.30am on 8th  
January 2012.

A special Blessing will be given to all the  
children during that Mass.  
Any children baptised outside the parish  
are very welcome to attend.

**CAROL SERVICE Sunday 18 December 7pm**  
in St Michael & All Angels Church, Millicent.  
Readings will be done in a variety of  
languages and music from many  
musicians.

All proceeds from loose plate collection to  
be donated to St Vincent de Paul.  
**ALL Welcome!**

*In the Fourth Week of Advent,  
we consider Mary's trust in God's  
promise, her joy in His goodness to  
her. We ask, "Am I ready to receive  
and celebrate the coming of the Son  
of God?" Now we echo Mary's words:  
"My being proclaims the greatness of  
the Lord. My spirit finds joy in God  
my Saviour."*

**Items for the Parish  
Newsletter must be in to  
the Parish Office by  
12 noon on Wednesday**  
Email [claneparish@eircom.net](mailto:claneparish@eircom.net)

**Clane Parish Shop**

Saturday 25th  
Closed

**Clane Altar Society**  
Maureen McCormack  
Mary Cleary

**Many thanks to those  
who contributed,  
and those who  
collected and counted**

Basket € 1814.85  
Envelopes € 1203.61

**Oh Jesus Christ, Emmanuel,  
Come and dwell with us  
Desire of all nations, gift to  
every generation, come,  
make your home with us.**

**The annual Wrenboys Concert takes  
place on St. Stephen's Day in Donadea  
Forest Park at 1pm  
all money collected will go towards  
Donadea/ Newtown Senior Citizens  
Please dress up as Wrenboys,  
all musicians and singers are welcome**

**The Clane GOAL Mile takes place on  
St Stephen's Day in Clane GAA Club  
from 10:30am - 12:30pm.  
Please come and take part!  
All donations welcome on the day!**

**RATHCOFFEY G.A.A. LOTTO RESULTS**  
11th December 2011. Jackpot: € 14,300  
Numbers drawn: 12, 15, 20, 24  
There was no winner.  
In-house winner, Nicola Tyrell  
Sellers Prize: Tom Travers  
€20 to each of the following; Rachel Tuohy,  
Colm Moriarty, Pauline Tyrell, Fr Kieran Holmes  
Jackpot next week: € 14,400

**Mount St. Anne's Retreat Centre  
Our Response to Trauma in our Lives -  
24th and 31st January and 7th February,  
2012**

Over a series of three Tuesday evenings, we  
will focus on our response to different traumas  
in our lives. Booking essential.  
8pm - 10pm. Cost: €30 for three nights  
Presented by Mr. Patrick Bannon  
For enquiries/booking, contact  
The Secretary, Mount St. Anne's  
on 057-8626153

St Nicholas, who is known to us all as Santa Claus, was born during the third century in the village of Patara. At the time the area was Greek and is now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents raised him to be a devout Christian. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.

Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, Bishop Nicholas was exiled and imprisoned. After his release, Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. He died December 6, AD 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day, December 6th.

Through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas' life and deeds. These accounts help us understand his extraordinary character and why he is so beloved and revered as protector and helper of those in need.

**For more information**

**WWW.CLANEPARISH.COM OR WWW.KANDLE.IE (Diocesan website)**