

Masses for the Week

Clane

Saturday 17th Dec 6.30pm Jose & Martin Brennan, Bridget Smullen, Ellen, John & Jamie Casey, Seamus Moore, Theresa McLoughlin, Louis & Elizabeth Maher, Andrew, Ann & Sean Dunne, Bill Malone, Jean Fortune, Aidan Browne, Brian Merriman & Deceased Family Members

Sunday 18th Dec 9.30am Brendan Cassidy, Malachy O'Beirne, Joe Higgins  
 11.30am Malachy & Catherine Dempsey, Sr Ambrose, Shane Coady, Dan O'Connell, Bernard O'Connell, John Fitzpatrick, Jack Breslin, Nicholas & Mary Keary, Louise Fall, Kathleen O'Neill, Violet Moloney, Liam Horrigan, Thomas, Mary & Frank Spain, Joseph & Agnes Byrne, Mary & Sean Kavanagh

Monday 19th Dec 10.am Tony Meehan, Helen Mohan, Deirdre Kearns

Tuesday 20th Dec 10.am Jimmy Murphy, Sheila Walsh, Michael Walsh, Thomas Hunter, Dan & Anne Shovlin

Wed 21st Dec 10.am

Thursday 22nd Dec 10.am

Friday 23rd Dec 10.am

Saturday 24th Dec 6pm Fran Connolly, Francie Cribbin, Kathleen & Christopher Halpin, Michael Lawlor, Frank & Mary Christianesen, Barry Gallagher, Kathleen O'Neill (Birthday Remembrance), Kathleen & Christy McMahon, Joe, Maisie, Ambrose & Harry Bracken, Deceased Members of the Fogarty Family, Sr Frances Bernardine  
 7.30pm Thomas & Mary Losty, Ann Dunne, Mick, John & Kathleen Ussher, Anna & Barney Curran, Edward & Ina Behan, Austin Daly Junior, Thomas, Mary, Joe & Des Daly, Eileen, William & Pat Burke, Sheila & Paddy Donovan, Bill & Genny O'Connor  
 9pm John & Brigid Ryan, Sean (John) Nolan, John, Joe & Mona Noonan, Nan McCormack, Jim Brien, Brien & Kelly Families, Leonard, Brien, McEvoy & Murphy Families

Sunday 25th Dec 9.30am Sean, Christy & Willie O'Shea, Eileen Hassett, Michael & Margaret Noone, Mai & Paddy Carroll, Luke & Helen O'Shea, Bill & Tess Hickey, Mick & Marie Duffy, John & Catherine Cullen  
 11.30am Hugh Hackett, Melody Pearce, Paddy Mallon & Kieran Mallon, Jim & Betty Dowling, George & Brian Manzor, Thomas Joseph Cribbin, Agnes & Bill Gavin, Nancy Kirby, James & Ellen Fadden

Rathcoffey

Sunday 18th Dec 10.30am Patsy, Vincent & Joe Tierney. Richard Conlon, Annie Dreeland

Saturday 25th Dec 9pm Jimmy, Mary, Seamie & Francey Riley

Sunday 25th Dec 10.30am

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	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	See inside pages	Mary O'Dea Mary O'Neill James Plunkett Bernadette Ryan John Ryan	Alice Corbett Yvonne Darragh Senan Maguire Maureen Marron	Esther Hendrick Siobhan McCrystal
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	See inside Pages	Christy Kirwan Pat O'Connor	Tony McEvoy Claire Mc Manus Crairie	Anne Egan
<b>Servers</b>	6pm Team 8 7.30pm Team 9 9pm Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	9pm-1 10.30am-2
<b>Service of the Word and Holy Communion Sat 24th</b>			No Prayer Service	

# Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Newsletter

Clane Church, 1884 – 2016

Rathcoffey Church, 1710 – 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

18th December 2016

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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  
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**Penance Service**

**A warm welcome to all to  
our Parish Penance Service  
in Clane Parish Church on  
Tuesday 20th December  
at 7pm.  
Visiting Priests will attend.**

**Christmas Masses**

**Christmas Eve  
Clane: 6pm Children's  
Mass, 7.30pm and 9pm  
Rathcoffey: 9pm**

**Christmas Day  
Clane: 9.30am and 11.30am  
Rathcoffey: 10.30am**

**The Annual Christmas  
Collection for the Priests of  
the Parish takes place at all  
Masses next weekend.  
Many thanks.**

**PARISH LOTTO DRAW**  
**Tuesday 13th December 2016**

**3, 22, 28, 30**

**No winner of this weeks Jackpot**

**3 x €50 prize winners**

Cathy Timmons, Clare Courtney,  
Martina Wallace

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

Damian McCaffrey, Peggy Walsh

**€25 prize winner**

Siobhan Keogh

**Next week's Jackpot:**

**€ 3,000**

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

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

**Many thanks for the great Parish and  
Community support shown at the  
funeral reception of the late Kevin  
Fogarty RIP, the school choir, club guard  
of honour and reception afterwards.  
We keep his wife Laurena, son Callum  
and daughter Layla Jane in our prayers  
at this time.**

**A Christmas Reflection**

The Christmas story is very simple: it tells of a birth, the birth of a first child to poor parents with an uncertain future. So what is it about the story that holds such appeal, that has allowed so many other stories and traditions to grow up around it?

Why does it have such a place in our hearts?

Perhaps it has to do with the way it taps into our deepest longings, those things we desire that can help us cope with just about anything: love and trust.

There is much generous love in the story, and with it a sense of wonder that God could be so intimately involved with something so simple. Shepherds are amazed, wise men are humbled and a young woman treasures all these things in her heart.

Parish Calendars now on sale at all  
Masses and in Clane Parish Shop.

**Thought for the Week**

We need saints who are in this world and who know how to enjoy the best in this world.

**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.

Thank you to Clane Bridge Club for their generous donation of €400 to our Parish Benevolent Fund, which helps people in our community at times of special need.

**Parish Web Cam**

In our first month, people in 25 different countries tuned in to the broadcast from the parish webcam! We reached places as far apart as Canada and Australia, Argentina and Russia. People from Singapore, Trinidad and Tobago and the United States, Mexico and Puerto Rico, the United Arab Emirates and New Zealand, and every corner of Europe have joined us for services. We reached 1,633 individual viewers who spent a total 1,952 hours with us.

In the same month, 3,505 people from 35 countries visited our parish website.

Why not remind family and friends away from home this Christmas that all ceremonies in Clane Church are live on our web cam at [www.claneparish.com](http://www.claneparish.com). A special way to connect to loved ones in prayer at the Christmas Season.

**Inter Faith Coffee Morning**  
**Thank you to all who attended the lovely coffee morning on Saturday last. It was a wonderful event celebrating community connection.**

Goal Mile—St Stephen's Day—Manzor's Car Park 10am—1pm. Walk, run or crawl the mile! Timed Run at 11am.

Make it a family event—bring the pets! Refreshments at the end—all welcome! To help out, call Michael 086 385 6268

**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 24th December  
Maura McCormack  
**Clane Altar Society**  
Anne Fadden  
Fionnuala Conroy

**Many thanks to those  
who contributed,  
and those who  
collected and counted**  
Basket € 2,970.00  
Envelopes € 1,228.41

**Clane GAA Christmas Fun Day 2—  
5pm on Sunday 18th December.**  
**All are welcome.**

**Saturday 24th December**  
**Ministers of the Word**

Clane 6pm Family Mass

Clane 7.30pm Colm Early, Nick Fitzgerald  
Clane 9pm Marguerite Lohan, Sean O'Hara  
Rathcoffey 9pm Anne Marie Mitchell

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

Clane 6pm

Cyrena Hayes, Teresa Grace, Monica Kilkenny,  
Moirá Fogarty, Erica Grehan, Patricia O'Neill,  
Peter O'Neill, Matthew Cribbin,  
Jeanette O'Rourke, Rachel Malone  
Clane 7.30pm

Laura Hamilton, Brid Lombard, Diarmuid  
Coonan, Ita Killaly, Damian McCaffrey,  
James Coonan, Cathal O'Brien,  
Marie Hanrahan, Paddy Moore, Mary Kiely  
Clane 9pm

Assumpta Flynn, Charlie Flynn, Noírin  
O'Hagan, Kathleen Browne, Joe Malone, Sean  
O'Hara, Bernadette Allen, Laura Duffy, Anna  
Connolly, Carmel Shortt  
Rathcoffey 9pm  
Alvagh Cronin, Anne Giffney

New Year's Eve Ball in the Westgrove Hotel  
supporting Clane Rugby Club and the Jack &  
Jill Children's Foundation. Tickets available  
from the hotel.

*Clane Community Council would like to  
thank all the individuals and businesses  
that contributed to the Clane Christmas  
lights. The scheme includes 500m of  
lights, 2,000 cable ties, 130 volunteer  
hours, local fundraising, 55 premises and  
1 community.*

*Clane Community Council would like to  
wish everyone a safe and peaceful  
Christmas and happy new year 2017*

**Team Hope Shoebox Appeal 2016**  
Thank you to everyone who took part  
in this year's **Team Hope shoe-box  
appeal** and again this year we had a  
tremendous response. It is fantastic  
to be able to send **936 shoe box gifts**  
from our community to communities and  
children in **Africa**. In these countries  
many of the children who receive these  
boxes are orphans and some are suffering  
from aids, the disease from which many  
of their parents have died.

Your generosity, help and support for  
the shoe box appeal of 2016 will make a  
boy or girl feel special and will brighten  
up their Christmas.

Your shoebox will bring a little hope,  
a lot of laughter and smiles at Christmas  
time, for children who have very little.  
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.

A special word of thanks to the team who  
helped to collect, sort and dispatch our  
boxes; and also to the wider community  
of Clane - our schools, churches, the many  
organisations and families who participated  
... a sincere and heartfelt "Thank You".

A special Thank You this year to the  
Christmas Shoe Box TY team in Scoil  
Mhuire who donated 268 shoe boxes - the  
largest number for any school in our region.

Again this year our local  
**apostolic works society** provided beautiful  
knitting which is really lovely for the baby  
boxes that we send.

Thanks also to our parish centre team  
whose assistance is so necessary.  
*Merry Christmas and peaceful Christmas to  
all. Bernie & Edel*

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