

Our Faithful Departed.....

Richard Gage, New Jersey, USA

.....may he rest in peace, Amen.

### Masses for the Week

#### Clane

Saturday 18th Feb	6.30pm	Elizabeth Francie Bardon (née Slevin), Margaret Slevin, Sheila Grinstead (Months Mind Mass), Ned & Ellen Cash, Noel Farrell, Patrick & Margaret Staunton, Pat Moloney (Months Mind Mass), May & Tommy Langan
Sunday 19th Feb	9.30am	Andy Fitzgerald
	11.30am	Gabriel Muldowney & his parents Margaret & Bill Muldowney Billy Hopkins
Monday 20th Feb	10.00am	
Tuesday 21st Feb	10.00am	Denis Fanning & Baby Clement Fanning
Wed 22nd Feb	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thursday 23rd Feb	10.00am	
Friday 24th Feb	10.00am	Mary & Frank Johnston
Saturday 25th Feb	10.00am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
	6.30pm	
Sunday 26th Feb	9.30am	
	11.30am	Baby Charlie Morley Kavanagh

#### Rathcoffey

Sunday 19th Feb	10.30am	Dan Carr (Months Mind Mass), Hugh & Margaret Jennings
Sunday 26th Feb	10.30am	Pat Jennings, Kathleen White, Marie Clancy, James & Irene Curran

	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.30am	Sunday 10.30am
	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Peg Carroll Tom Cleary Diarmuid Coonan James Coonan Bernie Corbett	Mary O'Dea Mary O'Neill James Plunkett Bernadette Ryan John Ryan	Yvonne Darragh Laura Duffy Joe Malone Maureen Marron Colette O'Byrne	Grainne Ward Brendan Travers
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Clare Byrne Bernie Campbell	Des Drumm Betty Duffy	Claire McManus Crainie Senan Maguire	Ray Barry
<b>Servers</b>	5	3	4	4
<b>Basket Collectors (February)</b>	Damian McCaffrey Joe Higgins Mick Gill	John Ryan Nick Fitzgerald Paddy Moore	Kathleen Browne PJ Sheridan Martin Monaghan	
<b>Service of the Word and Holy Communion Sat 25th</b>			Sean O'Hara, Michael Wallace	

# Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Newsletter

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Rathcoffey Church, 1710 – 2017

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### **Weekend Mass Times**

<b>Clane</b>	
Saturday	6.30pm
Sunday	9.30am
	11.30am
<b>Rathcoffey</b>	
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

**Phone: 045-861393**

**Email: [claneparish@eircom.net](mailto:claneparish@eircom.net)**  
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**WebCam/Live Streaming**  
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Today's Gospel emphasizes on loving our enemies. Is this possible? In the first place, Jesus himself loved his enemies by forgiving them from the cross. His example was later followed by Stephen, who was martyred by the Jewish authorities. He forgave his accusers. Pope John Paul II visited the prison and forgave Mehmet Ali Agca who shot and wounded him. Mrs Gladys Staines whose husband and two children were burnt to death pronounced the same words of Jesus on these miscreants. These and many other great persons have followed the person of Jesus and embraced their enemies. They would not have taken this step towards reconciliation if they had no love for Jesus. Their love for him was so genuine that they were able to follow his commandments. Jesus taught, "Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." This perfection has to do with our ability to be like Jesus and to love as he loved. Love transforms us from within.

**PARISH LOTTO DRAW**  
**Tuesday 14th February 2017**

**1, 3, 23, 27**

**No winner of this weeks Jackpot**

**3 x €50 prize winners**

Mary Cullen, Fr Paul O'Boyle,  
Ber Moran

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

Maureen McCormack, Moira Daly

**€25 prize winner**

Moira Fogarty

**Next week's Jackpot:**

**€ 4,600**

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

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

**Confirmation 2017**

**We are looking forward to our  
Parish Confirmation Ceremonies  
this March 11th and 12th with our  
110 young people and their  
families. They really enjoyed last  
week's Confirmation retreat days  
in Glendalough.**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 1st  
March this year. If you would like to be  
involved in distributing Blessed Ashes in  
the parish for an hour on that day,  
please contact Trish in the Parish  
Office or Fr Paul.

**Le Cheile Deadline**

The deadline for receipt of material for  
the March issue of Le Cheile is  
Monday 20th February  
To 142 Loughbollard please  
Telephone 045 868474  
Email: margaretmcevoy1@eircomnet

**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.

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

**Cheltenham Preview Night**

Thursday 23rd February in the Westgrove  
Hotel from 7.30pm in aid of the Malealea  
Development Trust in Lesotho. This is  
organised by one of the students from  
Clongowes Wood College, who is part of a  
group of twenty students who will travel to  
Lesotho later this year in a voluntary  
support programme for the people there.  
Tickets available on the night cost €20.

The family of the late Sheila  
Grinstead wish to thank all those  
who sympathised with them on the  
recent death of Sheila.

We extend our thoughts and prayers to the family  
of the late Tonya McEvoy, Rathfarnham, Co  
Dublin, who was killed following an accident  
close to Rathcoffey Church on Sunday last.  
Tonya was a young woman enjoying a Sunday  
cycle with the Orwell Wheelers Club in Dublin  
when the tragedy struck.

We remember those people who left the 10.30am  
Mass in Rathcoffey to give her assistance and  
support. We remember her parents and family  
who are mourning the loss of a daughter,  
sister and friend.  
Ar dheis de go raibh sí.

**Thought for the Week**

Maturity is the ability to live with imperfections

**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 February  
Mary Kelly  
**Clane Altar Society**  
Rose Langan  
Margaret Lee

**Many thanks to those  
who contributed,  
and those who  
collected and counted**  
Basket € 1512.84  
Envelopes € 871.30

The Clane community blood donor clinic  
takes place on Monday 20 February  
2017 at the G.A.A Hall, Prosperous Road,  
Clane. Blood donors and those who wish  
to give blood, for the first time, will be  
welcome there between 3.00pm and  
5.00pm and 7.00pm and 9.00pm. Blood  
donors are always needed. If you would  
like any further information about giving  
blood or whether you should, or should  
not, give blood, at this time, you can visit  
the IBTS Website [giveblood.ie](http://giveblood.ie) or LoCall  
1850 731 137 Monday to Friday from  
9.00am to 5.00pm.

Many thanks to all who supported the  
Church Gate Collection for the Irish Society  
for Autism on January 21st and 22nd. The  
total collected was €584.06

St Vincent de Paul shop, The Waterways,  
Sallins, urgently need donations of  
reusable clothes, bric a brac, curtains and  
small pieces of furniture .

**'MOTHERS PRAYERS'**  
**ANNUAL WEEKEND IN KNOCK**  
For mothers who wish to come together to  
pray for their children and grandchildren,  
bringing them to Jesus who loves them so  
much more than we do and can change  
things that we cannot change.  
**ST JOHN'S REST AND CARE CENTRE**  
**FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY THE 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MARCH 2017**  
**MASS ON FRIDAY EVENING AT 8.30**  
**SATURDAY: Registration 9 am**  
(No cover charge) Meeting starts at 9.30  
**SUNDAY: 9.30 start and finishes with**  
**Mass at 12.15**  
Any queries to 091 771009, 087 6184110  
or email [ireland@mothersprayers.org](mailto:ireland@mothersprayers.org).  
You do not have to be a mother to be part  
of 'Mothers Prayers'

**Make-A-Wish Ireland Annual Wish Day –  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Make-A-Wish® Ireland has one simple aim –  
we grant the wishes of children aged  
between 3 and 17 years living with  
life-threatening medical conditions to  
enrich the human experience with hope,  
strength and joy and create extraordinary  
memories for them and their families.  
Volunteer are needed for WISH DAY,  
our annual fundraising day, on  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

There are a number of ways you could get  
involved and support us:

- \* select a location nearby and volunteer to  
sell our badges there for the day
- \* hold a coffee morning or bake sale in aid  
of Make-A-Wish
- \* hold a Jersey Day or a similar themed day  
in aid of Make-A-Wish

Money raised on the day goes to continuing  
to grant wishes to our brave wish children.  
If you can commit to the full day or even a  
few hours selling our bands, please visit  
[www.makeawish.ie](http://www.makeawish.ie) to register online at  
one of our collection points. Alternatively  
contact Emma Horgan  
[emma@makeawish.ie](mailto:emma@makeawish.ie)  
or call 01 2052012 for more details

**Act justly, love tenderly, and  
walk humbly with your God.**  
*Micah 6:18*

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