

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

**James O'Donoghue, Loughbollard & Derrinstown  
Robert Pender, Loughbollard**

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

**Masses for the Week**

<b>Clane</b>		
Saturday 30th Nov	6.30pm	Kelvin O'Sullivan, The Cody Family, Margaret McSwiney
Sunday 1st Dec	9.30am	Bill & Kate Merriman, Peter Gartside, Mary Murphy
	11.30am	Esther Corrigan, Elizabeth Whistler
Monday 2nd Dec	10.00am	
Tuesday 3rd Dec	10.00am	Thomas Brennan, Maume Family
Wed 4th Dec	10.00am	
Thursday 5th Dec	10.00am	Rita Breen
Friday 6th Dec	10.00am	Louis D'Souza, Joe & Ellen Flynn
Saturday 7th Dec	10.00am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Nora McConnell, Joseph McConnell, Deceased Members of the McConnell & Walsh Families Tommy Ennis, Joseph Horan, Dara Cottuli
Sunday 8th Dec	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Ronnie (Pauline Veronica) Canning, Fr Joseph Travers, Billy Travers & Deceased Family Members Liam Flynn (Birthday Remembrance), Rita Breen, Christy Byrne (Birthday Remembrance)

**Rathcoffey**

Sunday 1st Dec	10.30am	Tom & May Coyne
Sunday 8th Dec	10.30am	Ned Margaret, Mick & Joe Noonan

	Saturday 7th 6.30pm	Sunday 8th 9.30am	Sunday 8th 11.30am	Sunday 8th 10.30am
	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Tom Cleary Bernie Corbett Cyril Creaven Marie Cribbin Eleanor Cunney	Assumpta Flynn Oriana Hackett Maura Losty Natasha Marron Shirley O'Keefe	Laura Duffy Sarah Jane Lavin Frank Kavanagh Joe Malone Maureen Marron	Jenny Behan Michael Behan Jnr
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Confirmation Mass	Sheila Briody Niamh Doherty	Margaret Maguire Breda Vizzard	Confirmation Mass
<b>Servers</b>	6			1
<b>Basket Collectors (December)</b>	Damian McCaffrey Joe Higgins	John Ryan Nick Fitzgerald Paddy Moore	Kathleen Browne PJ Sheridan	
<b>Service of the Word and Holy Communion Sat 7th</b>			Sean O'Hara, Michael Wallace	

# Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Newsletter

Clane Church, 1884 – 2019

Rathcoffey Church, 1710 – 2019

First Sunday of Advent

1st December 2019

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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

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**Advent**

**Advent, a sacred time of waiting and preparing for Christmas Advent reminds us that God is close, God is near, God is on the way. The Lord invites us to find space in our busy lives to be more reflective and mindful of his gentle presence among us.**

**Our Church lights, Advent Wreath and carols invite us to be present at this special time.**

**Maranatha  
Come Lord Jesus, Come**

**PARISH LOTTO DRAW**  
**Tuesday 26th November 2019**

**11,18, 27, 29**

**No winner of this week's Jackpot**

**3 x €50 prize winners**

Gillian Keenan, Lorraine & Lyndsey Ryan,  
Jamie Campbell

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

Mags Brilly, Sean O'Hara

**€25 prize winner**

Derek Cullen

**Next week's Jackpot:**

**€ 8,400**

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

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

**Carol Service**

**The Parish Carol Service takes  
place on Sunday December 15th  
at 7pm in Clane Parish Church  
with our parish choirs and  
friends. Donations on the night to  
the parish Benevolent Fund.**

Please take home the special sheets  
outlining our Christmas Ceremonies in  
both Clane and Rathcoffey.

**A warm welcome to our new Church  
Ministers of the Word and the  
Eucharist in the Parish.**

I shall pass through this world but once  
Any good, therefore, that I can do,  
or any kindness that I can show to any  
human being, let me do it now.  
Let me not defer or neglect it,  
for I shall not pass this way again.

**Thought for the Week**

Like a human parent, God will help us when we ask for help.

**Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Lotto**

Please ensure that you return your weekly  
Lotto tickets and fully paid up annual  
subscriptions to the parish shop during the  
week and to our parish centre each Tuesday  
evening between 7.30pm and 8.45pm to  
ensure that you will be included in our  
weekly lotto draw. Many thanks.

**2020 Parish Calendars on sale for €5 in  
the parish shop and at all Masses.**  
Some lovely photos. A limited number of  
calendars are available for sale.

**St Vincent De Paul**

The Annual Christmas Collection for the St  
Vincent De Paul Society will be held at  
Masses this weekend.  
All funds raised will be used to support local  
families. The envelopes which were  
delivered to homes in the parish during the  
week may be used if you wish. Your  
support enables the St Vincent de Paul  
Society to carry on their invaluable work in  
our Community and is greatly appreciated.

**St Nicholas**

Friday the sixth of December is the Feast  
Day of St Nicholas, who was Bishop of  
Myra, in modern day Turkey, in the fourth  
Century. He was one of the Bishops who  
were in attendance at the Council of Nicea  
in the year 325.

St Nicholas is the patron saint of  
Russia, of sailors and of children.  
His legacy of gift giving and kindness  
lives on!

Concert of Carols Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  
in Clane Parish Church.

Scoil Mhuire Community School Staff and  
Students will present a Christmas Concert of  
Carols with guests in Clane Parish Church on  
Thursday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> from 7.30pm.  
Come and join us for our second year of festive  
songs, music and dance.  
Tickets €10 for adults and €5 for students/oaps.  
Proceeds will fund the running of the Breakfast  
Club in Scoil Mhuire.

**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 GAA 2019 AGM**

takes place at the club on Thursday,  
December 5th at 8pm. The club development  
plan and some important proposals will be  
discussed/ratified.  
All members are asked to attend.

John Sullivan Centre (IWA) Clane  
Christmas Craft Fair  
On: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November & Monday  
2nd – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
Time: 12.00 -3.00pm  
All Proceeds goes to the John Sullivan  
Resource Centre in Clane

Clane Library—Family Day—  
Thursday 5th December 3pm

Stories about winter and familiar songs about  
one friend we hope to see during winter—Mr  
Snowman. Have some quality time with little  
people ages 3 and older with plenty of time to  
borrow books from the library afterwards.  
Booking advisable 045 892 716

**Parish 500 Draw**  
Tickets are now on sale!

Advent is the time to welcome the Lord  
who comes to meet us, the time to look  
ahead, and to prepare ourselves for  
Christ's return. *Pope Francis*

MS Kildare Branch will hold their annual  
Church Gate Collection next weekend,  
December 7th and 8th.  
Your support is appreciated.

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives**  
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**Clane Parish Shop**  
Saturday 7th December  
Mary Kelly  
**Clane Altar Society**  
Ann Fadden  
Fionnuala Conroy

**Many thanks to those  
who contributed,  
and those who  
collected and counted**  
Basket € 1,656.63  
Envelopes € 1,015.21

Songs of Praise Concert Tonight:  
Ballycane Church Choir presents a  
'Songs of Praise Concert' at Ballycane  
Church, Naas today Sunday 1st  
December from 6.30pm to 8pm.  
Admission free. Donations Welcome.  
We are a fifty member adult choir.  
All are welcome to come and enjoy the  
songs and hymns of praise.

The Christmas Craft Fair in Caragh takes  
place this Sunday,  
1st December, from 12-4pm,  
in Caragh Community Centre.  
Free parking. Festive tunes.  
Refreshments and festive treats served  
throughout the day.  
Crafts from near and far on offer with  
seasonal gifts and festive decorations.  
Join in the excitement as SANTA arrives  
in his Grotto at 2pm.

**The meaning of the Advent Wreath**

The advent wreath has a rich meaning. The  
circle of the wreath, with no beginning or  
end, symbolises the eternity of God.  
The evergreen reminds us of the everlasting  
life we have in Christ while any pine cones or  
pods in the wreath represent new life and  
resurrection.  
The four candles represent the four weeks of  
Advent. Purple is traditionally a colour of  
penance and prayer while the rose pink  
candle that is lit on the Third Sunday marks  
our joy as we move ever closer to Christmas.  
Come, Lord Jesus!

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