

Our Faithful Departed.....

Aisling Moloney, Baltreacy
 Sally Crofton, Loughbollard
 Maureen Coffey, sister of Philomena McLaughlin, Liffey Lawns
 Maureen Spaine, Ashtown, Co Dublin, mother of Ann McEvoy, Balraheen
may they rest in peace, Amen.

Masses for the Week

Clane

Saturday 22nd Feb 6.30pm Elizabeth Francis Bardon, Jack Sharkey, Mary Langan,
 Ned & Ellen Cash, Noel Farrell
 Sunday 23rd Feb 9.30am Paddy Doran
 11.30am Una Heffernan, John Curran, James, Betty & Seamus O'Toole,
 Una Hylle, Baby Charlie Morley Kavanagh, Debbie Boland
 Monday 24th Feb 10.00am
 Tuesday 25th Feb 10.00am
 Wed 26th Feb 10.00am Goretti Byrne
 Thursday 27th Feb 10.00am
 Friday 28th Feb 10.00am
 Saturday 29th Feb 10.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion
 6.30pm John Kearney, Teresa Lynch
 Sunday 1st Mar 9.30am Thomas Dolan
 11.30am Angela Kelly

Rathcoffey

Sunday 23rd Feb 10.30am Pat Jennings, Dorothy Harrington (Months Mind Mass)
 James & Irene Curran
 Sunday 1st Mar 10.30am Tom, Julia, Tommy, Michael, Eileen & Carmel Tyrell

	Saturday 29th 6.30pm	Sunday 29th 9.30am	Sunday 29th 11.30am	Sunday 29th 10.30am
	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
Ministers of the Eucharist	Sara Gorman Roisin Gorman Teresa Grace Laura Hamilton Marie Hanrahan	Shirley O'Keeffe James Plunkett Bernadette Ryan John Ryan Sheila Briody	Bernadette Plunkett Rose Sullivan Anna Wolfe Kathleen Browne	Brendan Travers Jetta Weld
Ministers of the Word	Brian O'Brien Aine White	Children's Mass	Brid Murphy Colette O'Byrne	Children's Mass
Servers	10	1	2	1
Basket Collectors (March)	John Duffy Joe Horan Michael Wallace	John Sullivan Darragh O'Brien Charlie Flynn	Sean O'Hara Philip Comerford	
Service of the Word and Holy Communion Sat 29th			Anna Connolly, Una Duffy	

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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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A Prophet of Our Time
 I have maintained for many years that the drug trade is a bigger threat to the stability of our society than the IRA ever were. A person could be convicted of IRA membership on the word of a chief superintendent, along with one piece of corroborating evidence.

I would lock the Attorney General in a room, without food or drink, until he produced some similar legislation with regard to drug gangs. I appreciate it is more difficult, as a drug gang is a looser collection of people than the IRA were, but it should not be beyond our legal experts to come up with some similar legislation.

Peter McVerry SJ

**PARISH LOTTO DRAW
Tuesday 18th February 2020**

3, 9, 12, 22

No winner of this week's Jackpot

3 x €50 prize winners

Roisin Nevin, Eileen Cribbin,
Orla & Liam Heaney

Promoters Draw – 2 x €50 prize winners

Brig Cuddihy, Teresa Galvin

€25 prize winner

Sean Fanning

Next week's Jackpot:

€ 10,400

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

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

Springtime!

**February is a most hopeful
month. We have just celebrated
St Brigid's Day, a day which
brings great hope. St Brigid
brings with her a story of com-
passion, generosity, healing and
renewal. These early February
days mark the beginning of
Spring. Yes, it may still feel cold
but already the brighter evenings,
emerging green shoots and
snowdrops, announce a time for
new beginnings.**

**I'm glad the darkness of winter
once again is being transformed
by the light of our new spring.
Spring is a season of hope and
renewal. We are in the true sense
of Scripture called out of
darkness into God's
wonderful light.**

Thought for the Week

Our hearts were made for you O Lord and they will not rest until they rest in you.

St Augustine

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.

Lent 2020

The Season of Lent begins next Ash
Wednesday, February 26th. Our Parish
Masses in Clane are at 10am and 7.30pm with
the distribution of Blessed Ashes. Trocaire
Boxes are available also in both churches.
Lent is what we do.

The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary will visit the
parish at all Masses next weekend to speak about
their missionary work. We invite people to donate
a little extra in our offertory collection to
support their work. Many thanks.

Parish "500" Draw

Our main Parish Fundraiser for this year is a
500 ticket Draw with a prize fund of €500.
Tickets are €50 each and are available in the
Parish Shop, at both Churches and from your
local promoter. The Draw takes place on
Saturday April 4th 2020.

Caring for our Common Home

Conference in association with Trocaire
Wednesday 4th March in the Dolmen Hotel, Kil-
kenny Road, Carlow. 10.30am—4.30pm.
For registration please contact
mary.boyce@trocaire.org or phone 01 629 3333

Ash Wednesday:

Ministers of the Eucharist
10am Mass: Mary O'Dea, Mary O'Neill
7.30pm Mass: Mary Deay, John Duffy
Ministers of the Word
10am Mass: 10am Diarmuid Coonan
11.30am Mass: Eddie Collins
Altar Servers
7.30am Mass Team 7

**Items for the Parish
Newsletter must be in to
the Parish Office by
12 noon on Wednesday**
Email claneparish@eircom.net

**Comhaltas Ceoltori Eireann
Clane Branch Traditional Session
Friday 28th February in Clane GAA at
9pm. All welcome!**

Clane Branch of Comhaltas
Music Lessons every Tuesday
in Scoil Mhuire. Tin Whistle, Fiddle, Banjo,
Concertina etc. For information contact
Catherine 087 266 0509
Fionnuala 085 779 2227
Marie 085 710 4109

Evergreens—Clane Senior Citizens

Pancake Day on Tuesday 25th February from
10am—12 noon in the Parish Centre.
Tea, Pancakes, Raffle! Hope to see you there!

Lenten Prayer Evenings

To help prepare for Easter Clane and
Rathcoffey Parish are offering short periods
of Guided Prayer and Meditation on five
Wednesdays of Lent. These prayer periods
create a 'sacred space' for you to open your
heart to the Word of God and help you to
celebrate God's great love for us.
You can come for any one evening, or all five
as you wish. All are very welcome.
The prayer will take place in Clane Parish
Church at 7.15pm on the 4th, 11th, 18th
and 25th of March and 1st of April.

Clane Library—National Library Open Day
Join Kildare based artist Liadine Butler for a
workshop in Clane Library on Saturday 29th
February at 11am to design and make Spring
themed pictures using wet felting technique,
Suitable for children aged 6 to 10 years. Book-
ing advisable — contact 045 892 716

Parish Safeguarding Representatives
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Laura Duffy, Aisling Behan
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Clane Parish Shop
Saturday 1st March
Mary O'Neill
Clane Altar Society
Breda Connolly, Eileen
Duffy, Mamie & Frances

**Many thanks to those
who contributed,
and those who
collected and counted**
Basket € 1,366/35
Envelopes € 1,935.77

Christ be near at either hand, Christ
behind, before me stand. Christ with me
where're I go, Christ around, above, below.
Christ be in my heart and mind, Christ
within my soul enshrined. Christ control my
wayward heart, Christ abide and ne'er
depart. Christ my life and only way, Christ
my lantern, night and day. Christ be my
unchanging friend, Guide and shepherd
to the end.

**Alzheimer Café Naas
Wednesday 26th February 2020
McAuley Place**

The speaker will be Kathleen Neehan
and she will speak on 'Mindfulness'.

Le Cheile

**The deadline for receipt of material for
the March issue of Le Cheile is Monday
24th February. To 142 Loughbollard
please. Tel: 045 868 474
Email: mcevoyclane@gmail.com**

Love and kindness are never wasted.
They always make a difference.
They bless the one who receives them,
and they bless the giver.

**Pro Life talk - Speakers: Carol Nolan
and Michael Dwyer from Family &
Life. Thursday March 5th at 7:30pm
at Portlaoise Parish Centre in the
campur room. All welcome!**

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