

Masses for the Week

Clane
 Saturday 23rd Dec 6.30pm Bridget Smullen, Helen Killick, Bill Malone, Denis & Mary Colgan, Kathleen Drumm, James Hanly, Peter Hanly
 Sunday 24th Dec 9.30am People of the Parish
 11.30am Nan McCormack
 6pm John & Ellen Casey, Jackie Casey, Josie & Martin Brennan, Michael Lawlor, Mary & Frank Christiansen, Kathleen & Christopher Halpin, Brendan O'Toole, Dorrie & Joe Kavanagh, Barry Gallagher, Peggy Nolan, Jim Halligan, Tony Farrell
 Brian & George Manzor
 7.30pm Deceased Members of the Fortune and Sherman Families, Mick Ussher, John & Kathleen Ussher, Anna & Barney Curran, Nicholas Kelly, Kelvin O'Sullivan & Family, Deceased members of the O'Brien & Neylon families
 Joe, Maisie, Ambrose & Harry Bracken, John, Ellen & Pat Walsh, Tom & May Langan, Rourke, Skelly & Ryan Families
 9pm Sean Nolan, Margaret Murphy, The Leonard, Brien, McEvoy & Murphy Families
 Edward & Ina Behan, Alice King, Austin Daly Jnr, Thomas, Mary, Joe & Des Daly
 Eileen, William & Pat Burke, Sheila & Paddy Donovan, Bill & Jenny O'Connor
 Jack McCormack, Thomas & Mary Losty, Joe, Mona & John Noonan, Eileen Farrell
 Ellen & Paddy Duffy
 Monday 25th Dec 9.30am Eileen Hassett, Catherine & John Cullen, Marie & Mick Duffy, May & Paddy Carroll, Francis Cribbin, Pauline, Peter & Paul Devine, Mary & Willie Moore & Family, Dina, Jack & Pat Mooney, Mary White (née Mooney), Sean, Christy & Willie O'Shea, Margaret & Michael Noone, Helen & Luke O'Shea
 Betty Dowling, Jim & Joe Dowling, Paddy & Kieran Mallon, Brian & George Manzor
 11.30am
 Tuesday 26th Dec 10.00am
 Wed 27th Dec 10.00am Peter Gillman, Rose & Tom O'Connor
 Thursday 28th Dec 10.00am James Byrne
 Friday 29th Dec 10.00am Pearl Bryson (Months Mind Mass), Alfie Bryson
 Saturday 30th Dec 10.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion
 6.30pm Eugene Ryan, Paddy Gill, Joe & Mary Jo McCormack, Joe, Mona & John Noonan, Florrie Roche
 Sunday 31st Dec 9.30am Eugene Ryan, Margaret (Peg) Doran, Adele O'Rafferty (Birthday Remembrance)
 11.30am Kathleen O'Neill (Birthday and Anniversary Remembrance), William King

Rathcoffey
 Sunday 24th Dec 10.30am People of the Parish
 9pm
 Monday 25th Dec 10.30am
 Sunday 31st Dec 10.30am Tommy Maguire, Paddy & Sheila Smith & Deceased Family, John, Nora Tom and Pat Moran

	Saturday 30th 6.30pm	Sunday 31st 9.30am	Sunday 31st 11.30am	Sunday 31st 10.30am
	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
Ministers of the Eucharist	Aine White Damian McCaffrey Anne Behan Elizabeth Behan Caroline Behan	Sheila Briody Michael Clifford Anne Cribbin Matthew Cribbin Cait Cullen	Colette O'Byrne Marie O'Connell Sean O'Riordan Bernadette Plunkett Rose Sullivan	Stephen Proctor Brendan Travers
Ministers of the Word	Claire Byrne Bernie Campbell	Marguerite Lohan Anthony Marron	Sean O'Hara Breda O'Neill	Niall Fagan
Servers	10	1	2	3
Basket Collectors (Dec)	Damian McCaffrey Joe Higgins Mick Gill	John Ryan Nick Fitzgerald Paddy Moore	Kathleen Browne PJ Sheridan Martin Monaghan	
Service of the Word and Holy Communion Sat 30th			Anna Connolly, Una Duffy	

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Clane Church, 1884 – 2017

Rathcoffey Church, 1710 – 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

24th December 2017

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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

Phone: 045-861393

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WebCam/Live Streaming
www.claneparish.com

Christmas Eve Masses 24th December

Clane
6pm Children's Mass
7.30pm
9pm
Rathcoffey
9pm

Christmas Day Masses 25th December

Clane
9.30am
11.30am
Rathcoffey
10.30am

PARISH LOTTO DRAW
Tuesday 19th December 2017

11, 13, 15, 18

No winner of this weeks Jackpot

3 x €50 prize winners

Margaret Casey, Ciara O'Shea,
Darragh O'Brien

Promoters Draw – 2 x €50 prize winners

Eileen Cooper, Brendan Travers

€25 prize winner

Peter Sheridan

Next week's Jackpot:

€ 13,000

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

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

**The Annual Christmas
Collection for the priests of the parish
takes place at all Masses this Christmas.
Many thanks for your ongoing support.**

Since their feasts fall on the three days after Christmas, St Stephen, St John the Apostle and Evangelist and the Holy Innocents were given the name of *Comites Christi*, Companions of Christ, in the Middle Ages. They were seen as a cortege or court of honour, accompanying the Christ Child. It was also said that three forms of martyrdom are represented: voluntary and executed (Stephen), voluntary but not executed (John), and executed but not voluntary (Holy Innocents)

St Stephen, the first Christian Martyr was one of those in charge of the poor and needy. He is outstanding for his forgiveness of his enemies. Patron of Deacons, Stonemasons and Bricklayers.
His Feast Day is Tuesday 26th December.

St John, Apostle and Evangelist, brother of James, son of Zebedee, the Disciple whom Jesus loved is traditionally said to have died in Ephesus. He is considered to be the author of the Fourth Gospel, the Book of Revelation and three letters. The letters especially teach us the law of love; John is said in his old age to have preached only one message: love one another.
His Feast day is Wednesday 27th December.

Thought for the Week
Jesus Christ, the human face of God

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.

The box of yearly envelopes where parishioners are invited to contribute to the parish are being delivered by our area co-ordinators. Boxes will also be available to parishioners who wish to have them at Masses early in the New Year.

The Parish Shop will reopen on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 9.30am

**We wish all our parishioners a
peaceful and restful Christmas.**

The Proclamation of Christmas

The first entry in the *Martyrologium Romanum*, (Roman Martyrology), for 25th December is a proclamation of "The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh." It may be used before or at the beginning of Midnight Mass. Its inclusion after Evening Prayer or at the Office of Readings is also appropriate.

The Twenty fifth Day of December.

After the passage of countless centuries from the creation of the world, when in the beginning God created heaven and earth and formed man in his own image; and very many centuries from the time when after the flood the Almighty had set his bow in the clouds, a sign of the covenant and of peace; in the twenty first century from the migration of Abraham, our father in faith, from Ur of the Chaldees; in the thirteenth century from the departure of the people of Israel from Egypt under the leadership of Moses; in about the one thousandth year from the anointing of David as king according to the prophecy of Daniel, in the 194th Olympiad, in the 752nd year from the foundation of the City of Rome, in the 42nd year of the rule of Caesar Octavian Augustus, while the whole world was at peace, Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most gracious coming, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed after his conception, is born as man in Bethlehem of Judah from the Virgin Mary, the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

The Holy Innocents—Thursday 28th December
The flight into Egypt and the massacre of the Holy Innocents make manifest the opposition of darkness to light. "He came to his own home, and his own people received him not." Christ's whole life was lived under the sign of persecution. His own share it with him. Jesus' departure from Egypt recalls the exodus and presents him as the definitive liberator of God's people.

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

Goal Mile; St Stephen's Day 10am—1pm
Timed run at 11am. Please make it a family day out and raise funds for the world's most needy. To help, contact Michael at 086 385 6268. Thank you.

Carlow College, St. Patrick's is running an Introduction to Psychology Evening Course from 1 February 2018 - 8 March 2018, every Thursday, from 7-9pm. For more information please contact: Alison Brennan, E: AHayden@CarlowCollege.ie, T: 059 91 53200, or see www.CarlowCollege.ie.

Ministers of the Eucharist Christmas Eve

Rathcoffey 9pm Anne Marie Mitchell,
Siobhan McCrystal

Clane 6pm Patricia O'Neill, Peter O'Neill,
Moira Fogarty, Cyrena Hayes, Matthew Cribbin, Paddy Moore, Eleanor Cunney,
Stephen Doyle, Kathleen Browne, Joe Malone
7.30pm Ita Killaly, Noirin O'Hagan, Jeanette O'Rourke, Moira O'Shaughnessy, Rose Ennis, Oriana Hackett, Katherine Martin,
Diarmuid Coonan, Cathal O'Brien,
James Coonan

9pm Cait Cullen, Assumpta Flynn, Charlie Flynn, Maura Losty, Hilary McDonnell, Laura Duffy, Anna Connolly, Alice Corbett
Altar Servers

Rathcoffey, 1, Clane 6pm 5, 7.30pm 5, 9pm 7

**World Meeting of Families
Registration**

Individual Pilgrims and Families can now register for the main three day Congress from August 22nd—24th 2018, guaranteeing you a ticket for the Festival of Families on 25th August and the closing Mass on Sunday 26th August.
Register now at www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Clane Parish Shop
Saturday 30th December
Shop Closed
Clane Altar Society
Ann Fadden,
Fionnuala Conroy

**Many thanks to those
who contributed,
and those who
collected and counted**
Basket € 1669.79
Envelopes € 1485.02

Le Cheile Deadline for material for the January Issue is Wednesday 27th December.
To 142 Loughbollar, Tel 045 868 474 or email margaretmcevoy1@eircom.net please

Clane Get Fit 2018

Launching January 5th at 8pm in Clane GAA. Get our community fit and healthy for 2018. All levels of fitness catered for. Sponsorship cards available from Clane GAA or getclanefit@gmail.com Cost €100

**Terri Coonan and Laurena Meagher
sincerely thank all our Clane friends for
their sympathy and kindness on the recent
death of Terri's Mother and Laurena's
Nana, Mary Meagher.**

Ministers of the Eucharist Christmas Day

Rathcoffey 10.30am

Catherine Moriarty, Grainne Ward

Clane 9.30am Mary O'Dea, Mary O'Neill, James Plunkett, Bernadette Ryan, John Ryan

11.30am Yvonne Darragh, Senan Maguire,
Margaret Maguire, Maureen Marron,
Kathleen Browne

Altar Servers

Rathcoffey 10.30 2, Clane 9.30 8, 11.30, 9

SHARE A BREAK

Give a little time—make a big difference
Have you the time to offer short breaks to an adult with an intellectual disability in your home for mid-week and weekend overnight breaks?
You don't need a qualification; just energy, commitment and the desire to support a person with a disability in your community.

Information and support are provided and you will be paid an allowance.

If you are interested in hosting, please contact Rosemary Keenan,
Social Work Team Leader
Kare, McMahon Centre, Kilcullen, Co Kildare
rosemary.keenan@kare.ie
ph: 045 490 200

**Our Child Safeguarding Representatives in the
Parish are Fr Paul O'Boyle, Trish O'Neill,
Laura Duffy and Aisling Behan**

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