

Our Faithful Departed.....

Sr Susan Fitzpatrick, Kilcock and formerly Clane

.....may they rest in peace, Amen.

**Masses for the Week**

**Clane**

Saturday 27th Feb 6.30pm John Keavney, The Connolly Family,  
Philomena Kennedy (Months Mind Mass)

Sunday 28th Feb 9.30am People of the Parish  
11.30am Baby Charlie Morley Kavanagh, Richard White,  
The Fennell Family, Chris Murphy

Monday 29th Feb 10.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Tuesday 1st March 10.00am

Wed 2nd March 10.00am

Thursday 3rd March 10.00am

Friday 4th March 10.00am

Saturday 5th March 10.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion  
6.30pm Michael Smith, Liz Reilly, Liam Flynn, Angela Kelly,  
Teresa & Luigi Carugo, Danielle Shortt, Geraldine Owens,  
Aileen McManmon

Sunday 6th Mar 9.30am  
11.30am Sean Delaney, Paddy Egan

**Rathcoffey**

Sunday 28th Feb 10.30am Pat Jennings (First Anniversary)

Sunday 6th Mar 10.30am John McNally, Brigid Cullen, Mary & Michael Behan  
Tom Reilly, Ethna Herbert

	Saturday 5th 6.30pm	Sunday 6th 9.30am	Sunday 6th 11.30am	Sunday 6th 10.30am
	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Ita Killaly Brid Lombard Rachel Malone Damian McCaffrey Cathal O'Brien	Assumpta Flynn Charlie Flynn Maura Losty Katherine Martin Paddy Moore	Margaret Maguire Joe Malone Maureen Marron Colette O'Byrne Marie O'Connell	Aisling Behan Michael Behan Snr
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Patricia O'Neill Amalia Alcaide	Family Mass	Tony McEvoy Claire McManus Crainie	Fiona Burke
<b>Basket Collectors (March)</b>	John Duffy Joe Horan Michael Wallace	John Sullivan Darragh O'Brien Charlie Flynn	Sean O'Hara Philip Comerford Frank O'Keefe	
<b>Service of the Word and Holy Communion Sat 5th</b>			Sean O'Hara, Michael Wallace	

# Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Newsletter

Clane Church, 1884 – 2016

Rathcoffey Church, 1710 – 2016

Third Sunday of Lent

28th February 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  
Saturday 10.30am – 1pm

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A Lenten Prayer

We have been given eyes to see  
and ears to listen.

We have been given tongues...  
to speak for the innocent...  
and the guilty;

to praise, encourage and support;  
to proclaim in season and out,  
the news that is good news.

We have been given hands  
to reach out and strengthen  
the fearful;

to protect the weak and  
lift up the fallen;

to embrace the dying;  
to share burdens

and wipe away tears....

To build up, not to tear down;  
To fan the embers, not to quench  
the smouldering wick;

To bless, not to strike;

To give, not to withhold.

We have been given hearts to feel,  
To interpret the hidden meanings  
behind the words spoken;

To open doors closed by despair;  
To discover the best in others and  
set it free;

To understand and forgive...

Or to simply forgive....

To comfort the sorrowful, to love  
and thereby heal the scars.

**PARISH LOTTO DRAW  
Tuesday 23rd February 2016**

**2, 4, 6, 28**

**No winner of this weeks Jackpot**

**3 x €50 prize winners**

Eileen Walsh, Jason Raleigh,  
Moira Daly

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

Eileen O'Brien, Mary McCormack

**€25 prize winner**

Jennifer Malone

**Next week's Jackpot:**

**€ 3,800**

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

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

Parish Lenten Food Appeal  
People are invited to consider  
donating items of non-perishable  
food to our food appeal boxes  
in Clane Church, Clane Parish Shop  
and Supervalu, Clane  
(on Saturdays).

We are delighted with the  
wonderful response to our recent  
church gate collection,  
many thanks.

**A LENTEN ECUMENICAL/  
INTER-FAITH GATHERING**

**WILL TAKE PLACE IN  
OUR PARISH CHURCH, CLANE, ON  
TUESDAY 8TH MARCH 2016**

**AT 7:30PM.**

**WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR  
THIS SPECIAL EVENT.**

**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.

At all Masses in the Parish this  
weekend, we will be giving out our  
annual parish financial statement. As  
always, we thank people for their  
ongoing financial support of the parish.

*Our church boiler in Clane is no longer  
safe to use after many years of faithful  
service. We plan to provide a  
temporary heating system before  
installing a new boiler as soon as  
possible. Apologies to all our  
parishioners and thank you for your  
support and understanding.*

**All interested tenders for a new boiler  
to Fr Paul O'Boyle 045 868249**

Courage shows not only the ability  
to persist but also the ability to  
start over.

*"...but no one who drinks the water I  
shall give will ever be thirsty again..."  
John 4:14.*

Millions of farmers in Kenya suffer  
from a lack of rain due to the effects  
of climate change.

Trócaire is installing irrigation systems  
and piping in drinking water to ensure  
farmers can grow enough to feed their  
families and there is clean  
water to drink without having to rely  
on the rain. Join the fight for justice  
at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

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**

Mary Kelly

**Clane Altar Society**

Breda Connolly, Eileen  
Duffy, Mamie O'Connell,  
Frances Ennis

**Many thanks to those  
who contributed,  
and those who  
collected and counted**

Basket € 1819.36  
Envelopes € 1036.93

**Church Gate Collection for the St  
Patrick's Day Parade Committee  
this weekend 27th & 28th February  
Please support!**

**Michaela Foundation Girls' Summer  
Camp Maynooth Post Primary School,  
Kildare 18th July - 22nd July 2016**

Inspire young people in your local  
community this summer. Volunteer at  
Michaela Foundation Summer Camp and  
help young girls aged 11-13 to build  
confidence and self-esteem whilst  
sharing the Michaela Foundation ethos  
"Life without Limits".

Share your skills, enhance your CV,  
meet new friends and have fun!  
As a Leader you can choose to deliver  
activities within one of the five key  
elements of Fun, Faith, Fashion,  
Well-being and Fáilte.

*"Seeing girls transform from quiet, shy  
and nervous children to powerful,  
confident and extremely happy unique  
individuals. I cannot put it into words.  
Amazing" - 2015 Camp Leader*

Register now to avoid disappointment or  
to find out more please visit -  
[www.michaelafoundation.com](http://www.michaelafoundation.com)

THANK YOU for the fabulous support of  
our recent cake sale- we exceeded all our  
expectations & hope you enjoyed the  
cakes! We are grateful for your support  
**Clane Boys U14 Football Feile Team**

**God, heavenly Father,  
look upon me and hear my prayer  
during this holy Season of Lent.  
By the good works You inspire,  
help me to discipline my body  
and to be renewed in spirit.**

**Cheltenham Festival Preview Night**  
In aid of Kildare Down Syndrome Speech  
and Language Services  
In the Westgrove Hotel on Monday 7th  
March at 7.30pm.

Admission €15 includes €10 free bet

**God, the Merciful One and me.**

An in-depth-weekend for young adults to  
explore the theme of Mercy.

Hosted by the Focolare Movement, this  
weekend will be an opportunity to slow  
down and have time to cultivate our union  
with God, the Merciful One.

A key-note talk, workshops, art, music,  
prayer and time to relax will be the framework  
to dig deep into our relationship with God  
and others.

Are you between 17-35 years old?

Then come and join us!

Switch off the automatic pilot of daily life  
and make time for prayer, reflection and  
nourishing relationships  
in the relaxed atmosphere of the beautiful  
surroundings of the Focolare Centre in  
Prosperous, Co Kildare.

From: 7.00pm Friday 11th March - Sunday,  
13th March 2016 lunchtime

At: the Focolare Centre, Curryhills House,  
Prosperous, Co. Kildare

Cost: €45 or £35 for full board.

Please bring your packed dinner  
for Friday night

and your own sheets/ sleeping bag and towels.

Book your place until 29th February 2016 at  
[focolareyouthireland@gmail.com](mailto:focolareyouthireland@gmail.com)

**For more information**

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

**Thought for the Week**

Jesus said, "I have come so that you may have life and have it to the full."

*John 10:10*