

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

**Belinda Martin, Roscommon, mother of Brendan Martin, Castlebrowne  
.....may she rest in peace, Amen.**

**Masses for the Week**

**Clane**

Saturday 1st Dec 6.30pm PG Wallace, Tommy Ennis  
 Sunday 2nd Dec 9.30am Pat Hanlon, Kevin Fogarty  
 11.30am Mr & Mrs Houfflain, Esther Corrigan, Elizabeth Whistler,  
 Malachy & Catherine Dempsey, Martin Benson,  
 Elizabeth Aspel, Dan Kerr  
 Monday 3rd Dec 10.00am  
 Tuesday 4th Dec 10.00am Sick of the Parish  
 Wed 5th Dec 10.00am Rita Breen, Peter Pinto  
 Thursday 6th Dec 10.00am  
 Friday 7th Dec 10.00am  
 Saturday 8th Dec 11.30am Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin  
 6.30pm Anne Prendergast, Liam Flynn (Birthday Remembrance),  
 Louis & Elizabeth Maher, Dara Cottuli, Joseph Horan Jnr  
 Sunday 9th Dec 9.30am People of the Parish  
 11.30am Seamus Morrissey, Christy & Peggy McGuire,  
 Pauline Veronica (Ronnie) Canning, Jack Breslin

**Rathcoffey**

Sunday 2nd Dec 10.30am Tom & Christina Moore, Nick & Seamus Kennedy  
 Saturday 8th Dec 10.30am Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

	Saturday 8th 6.30pm	Sunday 9th 9.30am	Sunday 9th 11.30am	Sunday 9th 10.30am
	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Tom Cleary Bernie Corbett Cyril Creaven Marie Cribbin Maureen Cummins	Katherine Martin Morag McGowan Paddy Moore Margaret McDonald Hilary McDonnell	Laura Duffy Sarah Jane Lavin Frank Kavanagh Margaret Maguire Joe Malone	Catherine Burchéal Dominic Burke
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Diarmuid Coonan Patricia Desmond	Sheila Briody Cillian Byrne	Maura McCormack Padraig McEvoy	Patricia Behan
<b>Servers</b>	2	3	4	1
<b>Basket Collectors (December)</b>	Damian McCaffrey Joe Higgins Mick Gill	John Ryan Nick Fitzgerald Paddy Moore	Kathleen Browne PJ Sheridan	
<b>Service of the Word and Holy Communion Sat 8th</b>			<b>NO PRAYER SERVICE ON THE 8TH</b>	

# Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Newsletter

**Clane Church, 1884 – 2018**

**Rathcoffey Church, 1710 – 2018**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**2nd December 2018**

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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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**Advent;  
 God is close,  
 God is near,  
 God is on the way.**

**Loving God, source of my  
 ultimate longing, you have  
 reached out to your people  
 through the gift of your  
 incarnate Son. Today in a  
 special way I start anew my  
 spiritual journey towards  
 the stable where I seek to  
 encounter the babe of  
 Bethlehem. Be with me,  
 guide me, teach me,  
 strengthen me, and inspire  
 me during this journey.  
 Draw me into closer union  
 with you as I put forth my  
 best effort to prepare for  
 the coming of Christ so  
 that I may truly present  
 him with a gift worth giving  
 on Christmas Day.**

**PARISH LOTTO DRAW**  
**Tuesday 27th November 2018**

**2, 14, 19, 23**

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

**3 x €50 prize winners**

Pauline O'Reilly, Finn Noonan,  
Dan O'Brien

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

Damian McCaffrey, Mary McCormack

**€25 prize winner**

Darragh O'Brien

**Next week's Jackpot:**

**€ 7,400**

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

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

**Carol Service**

**Our Annual Parish Carol Service  
in Clane Church next Sunday  
December 9th 2018 at 7pm.  
A lovely experience.  
Donations to our Parish  
Benevolent Fund at the door.**

Ministry Lists for the coming year have been posted to all our Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist for both Clane & Rathcoffey. Enclosed in each letter is a General Data Protection Consent form. We ask all Ministers to please fill this form in and return it to the Parish Office or the Sacristy as soon as possible. If you do not receive your list, please contact Trish in the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued service to the parish.

Parish Calendar

Our 15th Annual Parish Calendar is now available in the church, local shops and the parish shop. A lovely gift at €5

**Thought for the Week**

God is peace. Let us ask him to be peacemakers each day of our life.

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 Giving Tree

We invite people to take a tag from our giving tree and to leave back a gift to the Church/parish shop which will be distributed to the St Vincent de Paul in our local community.

**A welcome to parents and children to our First Communion Masses this weekend.**

Next Saturday, 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In this feast we celebrate, Mary, who from the first instant of her existence was free from all sin as she was to be the mother of Jesus. There will be two Masses for the Holy Day, in Rathcoffey at 10.30am and in Clane at 11.30am.

Ministers of the Word

Rathcoffey 10.30am

Ray Barry

Clane 11.30am

Paula Carbury, Noeleen Conboy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Rathcoffey 10.30am

Michael Behan Jnr, Michael Behan Snr

Clane 11.30am

Anne Fadden, Assumpta Flynn

Orianna Hackett, Maura Losty

**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)

**Scoil Mhuire Community School is  
holding Christmas Concert in Clane  
Church on Thursday 13th December at  
7.30pm as a fundraiser for the  
Breakfast Club in the school. Your  
support would be greatly appreciated.  
It promises to be a very enjoyable  
evening, with refreshments after  
the concert hosted by the  
Parents' Association.**

A big thank you to Fr Paul, parishioners, the under 21 football and hurling teams, and all who supported the Coffee Morning last Sunday in aid of Operation Vietnam. A total of €1,298.70 was raised.

John Sullivan Centre (IWA), Ballinagappa Rd, Clane will hold their Christmas Craft Fair at their Centre on Monday 10th December 11.00am - 2pm All are welcome

We encourage parishioners to support our recently launched Parish 300 Draw with tickets available in the Parish Shop and from local promoters. The draw will take place in December and will fund the renovation works in both churches.

Clane Community Council would like to invite You and Your Family to the official switching on of our Christmas Lights in Clane and to the presentation of the Clonadh Award at the Abbey on Sunday 2nd December 2018 at 6.30pm. Carols will be sung and refreshments will be served. Everyone is very welcome!

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives**  
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Laura Duffy, Aisling Behan  
**Diocesan Designated Liaison Person**  
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**Clane Parish Shop**  
Saturday 8th December  
Katherine Martin  
**Clane Altar Society**  
Anne Fadden,  
Fionnuala Conroy

**Many thanks to those  
who contributed,  
and those who  
collected and counted**  
Basket € 1,505.53  
Envelopes € 861.50

Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

Our community is sending **855** shoe box gifts to communities and children in hospitals, schools, shelters, churches, orphanages, community centres, mountain villages and family homes in **Africa**. Your generosity, help and support for the shoe box appeal of 2018 will make a boy or girl feel special and will brighten up their Christmas. A shoebox won't change everything, but it will do far more than we could ever imagine, by bringing Christmas to children who have never experienced anything like it before. Thank you to all who supported the appeal!

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE**

**PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2019:** 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com).

Clane Musical & Dramatic Society present their pantomime Robin Hood & His Merry Men in the Abbey Clane from 6<sup>th</sup>—9<sup>th</sup> December. Admission is €12 for adults, €10 for children Family tickets €40. Tickets from Anne Noonan 087 689 7376, Marrons Pharmacy or on the door.

**In a world where you can be  
anything, be kind!**

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