

Our Faithful Departed.....Joan Ryder, Loughbolland & Ballinrobe, Co Mayo
 Aileen Marron, Swords, Sister in Law of Des Marron & Carmel Shortt
 Ann Marron, Swords, Sister in Law of Des Marron & Carmel Shortt
may they rest in peace, Amen.

Masses for the Week

Clane

Saturday 8th Dec 6.30pm Ann Prendergast, Liam Flynn (Birthday Remembrance),
 Dara Cottuli, Louise & Elizabeth Maher, Joseph Horan Jnr,
 John Gorman, Catherine Connolly,
 Monica McCann (First Anniversary)

Sunday 9th Dec 9.30am Margaret (Peg) Doran
 11.30am Seamus Morrissey, Christy & Peggy Maguire, Christy Byrne,
 Pauline Veronica (Ronnie) Canning, Jack Breslin,
 Rita Breen, William Joyce, Eileen Kelly, Fr Joe Travers,
 Billy Travers & Deceased Members of the Travers Family

Monday 10th Dec 10.00am
 Tuesday 11th Dec 10.00am Joe & Ellen Flynn, Brigid O'Beirne
 Wed 12th Dec 10.00am
 Thursday 13th Dec 10.00am
 Friday 14th Dec 10.00am Betty Wallace, Dan Shovlin, Mary McShane
 Saturday 15th Dec 10.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion
 6.30pm Seamus Moore, Patrick & Mary Moore, ,
 Thomas Morris (Birthday Remembrance), Teresa McLoughlin,
 Andrew & Anne Dunne & Deceased Family Members,
 Brian Merriman, Claire McDonald, William Tallon
 Thomas & Elizabeth Ryan, Louise Fall,

Sunday 16th Dec 9.30am Joe Higgins
 11.30am Liam McLaughlin, Austin & Maureen O'Flaherty,
 Nicholas & Mary Keary

Rathcoffey

Sunday 9th Dec 10.30am Seamus Noonan, Tom & Joan Dowd
 Sunday 16th Dec 10.30am Med, Margaret, Mick & Joe Noonan

	Saturday 15th 6.30pm	Sunday 16th 9.30am	Sunday 16th 11.30am	Sunday 16th 10.30am
	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
Ministers of the Eucharist	Diarmuid Coonan Mary Deay John Duffy Ciara Finn Moiria Fogarty	Mary O'Dea Mary O'Neill James Plunkett Bernadette Ryan John Ryan	Maureen Marron Stephanie Muldoon Colette O'Byrne Marie O'Connell Sean O'Hara	Beibhinn Cleary Alvagh Cronin
Ministers of the Word	Mary Dolan Nick Fitzgerald	Michael Clifford Eddie Collins	Noel dela Pena Tony McEvoy	Fiona Burke
Servers	5	6	7	2
Basket Collectors (December)	Damian McCaffrey Joe Higgins Mick Gill	John Ryan Nick Fitzgerald Paddy Moore	Kathleen Browne PJ Sheridan	
Service of the Word and Holy Communion Sat 15th			Sean O'Hara, Michael Wallace	

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Clane Church, 1884 – 2017

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Second Sunday of Advent

9th 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
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OPENING HOURS
 Monday to Friday 9.30am – 1.30pm
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Advent

Through concrete actions, Jesus shows us how God loves. In the Gospels we see Jesus showing us how God loves through healing, forgiveness, mercy and compassion. Jesus sees and responds to the deepest needs of human hearts. To a blind person he gives sight; to a paralysed person he gives the ability to stand up and walk; to a leper and social outcast he gives cleansing and restoration to community; to a woman isolated by her illness he gives healing in both body and soul; to a person with a sinful history he gives mercy and hope for a better future.

Jesus shows us how God looks at us with eyes of compassion and love, accepting us where we are and loving us as we are. Jesus doesn't wait for people to be perfect or have their lives in order or for them to sin no more.

Rather, Jesus enters the messiness of humanity and encounters people along the way in their brokenness, hurt and mess.

**PARISH LOTTO DRAW
Tuesday 4th December 2017**

1, 12, 25, 30

No winner of this weeks Jackpot

3 x €50 prize winners

Eamon Cusack, Paddy Moore,
Tom Cleary

Promoters Draw – 2 x €50 prize winners

Ann Noonan, Mary Keenan

€25 prize winner

Moira Fogarty

Next week's Jackpot:

€ 7,600

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

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

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 our Confirmation Young People
to their special Masses this weekend
in both churches.

Carol Service

A warm welcome to attend our
annual Parish Carol Service this
Sunday 9th December at 7pm in
Clane Parish Church. Donations
on the night to our parish
Benevolent Fund.

The St Vincent de Paul Conference would
like to thank all those who supported the
Church Gate Collection last weekend.
€9409.19 was raised.

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.

Carol Services in Clane Church
Listen/View on our webcam or
Parish Radio! Tuesday 11th and Wednesday
12th December at
12 noon Scoil Mhuire Carols
Wednesday 12th December at 7.30pm
Scoil Phadraig Boys
Thursday 13th December at 7.30pm
Scoil Mhuire Concert in aid of the
Breakfast Club.
Scoil Mochua Carol Service Rathcoffey
Wednesday 19th December at 1.30pm

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

'Do not let the downtrodden retreat in confusion, give
the poor and needy cause to praise your name.'
Millions of people have had to flee conflict in South
Sudan and Yemen. In one area alone in northern
Uganda 33,000 mainly women and children from
South Sudan have taken refuge. They have witnessed
and experienced the worst kind of violence and have
arrived traumatised and broken. Trocaire's Christmas
Appeal will help these people and many others rebuild
their lives. Visit www.trocaire.org to find out more.

Parish 300 Draw Results

1st	Graham Dunne	004	€3,000
2nd	Elaine Cafferty McCormack	074	€1,000
3rd	Deirdre Kelly	129	Weekend
			Away valued at €300
4th	Ray & Bernie Barry	013	€100
5th	Catherine Moriarty	107	€100
6th	Tony & Aoife Quinn	204	€100
7th	Brendan Weld Snr	113	€100
8th	Eimear Greenan	191	€100
9th	George Duffy	183	€100
10th	Gerry & Susan Kenny	251	€100

Thought for the Week

Advent—God is close, God is near, God is on the way.

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

Clane Parish Shop
Saturday 15th December
Mamie & Frances
Clane Altar Society
Anne Fadden
Fionnuala Conroy

**Many thanks to those
who contributed,
and those who
collected and counted**
Basket € 1720.56
Envelopes € 976.56

**The family whose house in
Loughbolland was burnt down two
weeks ago wish to express their
gratitude and a big thank you for
the kindness and support, help
and good heart of generosity
shown to them by the community.**

Our Parish Youth Group will hold a Church
Gate Collection next weekend to support
youth ministry activities in the Parish.

MS Ireland Kildare Branch Church Gate
Collection this weekend.
Thank you for your support

A Blessing for the Crib

God of every nation and people, from the very
beginning of creation you have made mani-
fest your love: when our need for a Saviour
was great you sent your Son to be born of the
Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and
peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all
who look upon this Crib, may it remind us of
the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our
thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and
Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns for
ever and ever. Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

A Blessing on lighting the Advent Wreath
(While a member of the family lights the
candle.)

Lord our God, We praise you for your Son,
Jesus Christ; He is Emmanuel, the hope of
the peoples, He is the wisdom that teaches
and guides us, He is the Saviour of every
nation. Lord our God, let your blessing
come upon us as we light the candles of
this wreath. May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us
salvation. May he come quickly and not
delay. We ask this through Christ our
Lord. Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

You are invited to spend an hour with Fr
Brian Kavanagh between 8pm and 9pm on
the Friday evenings of Advent in the Parish
Church in Allen as he reflects on the theme
of Happiness and Joy in our Lives.

You are welcome to join the **Christmas
Party** at the next Alzheimer Cafe,
Wednesday December 12th in
"The Conservatory", Ryevale Nursing Home,
Leixlip from 7-9pm. The speaker and the
cafe organisers will still be on hand to
answer any questions you may have.
There will be refreshments, music and a bit
of Christmas fun.

Attendance is free of charge and there is
plenty of parking available
(www.alzheimercafeleixlip.ie -
phone 089 4933533).

A Blessing for the Lighting Up of the Christmas Tree

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of
creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the
night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law,
the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:
he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace,
who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we
illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.

May all who delight in this tree come to the
knowledge and joy of the Christmas gift of salvation
and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

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