

Our Faithful Departed.....

Mags Cash, Abbeyleix, sister fo Luke Carty, Firmount

.....may she rest in peace, Amen.

Masses for the Week

Clane		
Saturday 7th Dec	6.30pm	Nora McConnell, Joseph McConnell, Tommy Ennis, Deceased Members of the McConnell & Walsh Families, Dara Cottuli, Joan Ryder (First Anniversary), Joseph Horan Francie & Stacia Behan, Kitty Keane, Kevin Fogarty, Patrick & Kitty Connolly
Sunday 8th Dec	9.30am	Liam Flynn (Birthday Remembrance), Eileen Kelly, Billy & Kathleen Downey (Birthday Remembrance)
	11.30am	Ronny (Pauline Veronica) Canning, William Joyce, Fr Joseph Travers, Billy Travers & Deceased Family Members, Christy Byrne (Birthday Remembrance), Rita Breen, Michael Byrne, Martin Benson
Monday 9th Dec	10.00am	
Tuesday 10th Dec	10.00am	Ian Hassett, Rose & John Fogarty, Sr Francis Bernardine
Wed 11th Dec	10.00am	
Thursday 12th Dec	10.00am	Kathleen & Del Weld, Tony Carr
Friday 13th Dec	10.00am	Betty Wallace, Margaret (Peggy) Doran, Catherine & Malachi Dempsey
Saturday 14th Dec	10.00am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Ann Prendergast, Joan Fortune, Seamus Moore, Brian Merriman, Patrick & Mary Moore, Thomas & Elizabeth Ryan, Teresa McLoughlin Andrew & Anne Dunne & Deceased members of the Dunne Family
Sunday 15th Dec	9.30am	Margaret (Pegg) Doran, Joe Higgins
	11.30am	Nicholas & Mary Keary, Thomas Morris (Birthday Remembrance), Raymond Campbell, Jack Breslin, Vivian Daly, Seamus Morrissey, Christy & Peggy Maguire

Rathcoffey

Sunday 8th Dec	10.30am	Ned, Margaret, Joe & Mick Noonan
Sunday 15th Dec	10.30am	Tom & Christina Moore, Seamus Noonan

	Saturday 14th 6.30pm	Sunday 15th 9.30am	Sunday 15th 11.30am	Sunday 15th 10.30am
	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
Ministers of the Eucharist	Mary Deay John Duffy Sara Gorman Roisin Gorman Teresa Grace	Katherine Martin Morag McGowan Paddy Moore Margaret McDonald Hilary McDonnell	Margaret Maguire Stephanie Muldoon Colette O'Byrne Marie O'Connell Sean O'Hara	Catherine Burchéal Dominic Burke
Ministers of the Word	Paula Carbury Diarmuid Coonan	Cillian Byrne Michael Clifford	Noel de La Pena Maura McCormack	Ray Barry
Servers	7	8	9	2
Basket Collectors (December)	Damian McCaffrey Joe Higgins	John Ryan Nick Fitzgerald Paddy Moore	Kathleen Browne PJ Sheridan	
Service of the Word and Holy Communion Sat 14th			Anna Connolly, Sheila Briody	

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Second Sunday of Advent

8th December 2019

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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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www.claneparish.com
WebCam/Live Streaming
www.claneparish.com

Prepare the Way of the Lord
John the Baptist's cry re-echoes from generation: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth."
(Luke 3: 4—5)

How urgent and timely is this call at both the personal and social level! God wants to come and dwell with the people of every time and place, and he calls them to cooperate with him in the work of salvation. But how? Luke's Gospel gives us the answer: we must "straighten" injustices, "fill" the void with goodness, mercy, respect and understanding, "bring low" pride, barriers and violence, and "make smooth" all that prevents people from living a free and dignified life. Only in this way can we prepare to celebrate Christmas in an authentic way.

Lord, help me to prepare for your coming. You call me to right injustices...in my own life, in my local community, in my nation and in the world. Help me to be prepared for your coming by giving me the strength and courage to fight injustice wherever I encounter it.

**PARISH LOTTO DRAW
Tuesday 3rd December 2019**

7, 11, 12, 14

No winner of this week's Jackpot

3 x €50 prize winners

Assumpta Flynn, Shay Grace,
Lily O'Neill

Promoters Draw – 2 x €50 prize winners

Brig Cuddihy, Moira Daly

€25 prize winner

Mary Morrin

Next week's Jackpot:

€ 8,600

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

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

Feast Day

**The Feast of the Immaculate
Conception of our Lady will be
celebrated on Monday 9th December
this year and is not a Holy Day of
obligation as December 8th is the
Second Sunday of Advent.**

Parish Carols

Our Parish Carol Service is on next Sunday
December 15th at 7pm in Clane Parish
Church. A lovely gathering. Donations on the
night to our Parish Benevolent Fund.

Best wishes to Clane Athletic Club on
the official opening of the new track on
Friday next December 13th.
Well done to all!

Our Giving Tree in the Church
will be distributed by the St
Vincent de Paul in our local
community before Christmas.

Thought for the Week

Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries.

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.

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on
Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This
Advent, as we strive to become the best
version of ourselves, fill us with a deep and
abiding peace. Help us share that peace
with everyone we encounter, especially
those who need it most. Amen.

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to
thank all those who supported their recent
Church Gate Collection so well. €13,476.68
was collected. This is a wonderful tribute to
the generosity of the people of the parish.
Sincere thanks to all.

Christmas Market

Rathcoffey Market 21st December
10.30am—2pm in Farrington's Yard
W91 WO17. Guests Naas Men's Shed Band.
Mince Pies for all on the day!
Come and enjoy your community market.
Home Producers required.

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always on your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face
and the rain fall gently upon you.
Until we meet again, may God hold you
in the palm of his hand.

**We welcome Scoil Mhuire students
and teachers for their Annual Carol
Services at 12 noon on Wednesday
18th and Thursday 19th December
Happy Christmas to all of them!**

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

**Clane Athletic Club will host the
official opening of their new state
of the art 200m all weather track
on Friday 13th December at 7pm,
with the track being officially
opened by Athletic Ireland CEO
Hamish Adams at 7.30pm.
All welcome!**

Clane Union of Parishes

Cake Sale and Coffee Morning
Friday 13th December 10am—1pm
in Clane Parish Centre

**We would like to express our heartfelt
gratitude to everyone who supported the
recent fundraiser in St Kevin's GAA,
Staplestown, and for your continued prayers
and good wishes. John and Bernie Marron.**

Alzheimer Cafe Leixlip -

Wednesday December 11th 7-9pm

Join us at our **Christmas Party** at the next
Alzheimer Cafe, Wednesday December
11th in "The Conservatory", Ryevale Nurs-
ing Home, Leixlip from 7-9pm. The speaker
and the cafe organisers will still be on hand
to answer any questions you may have. We
will also have refreshments, music and a bit
of Christmas fun. This is a great night to try
out the cafe for the first time!

Attendance is free of charge and there is
plenty of parking available
(www.alzheimercafeleixlip.ie -
phone **087 7418512**).

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

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Clane Parish Shop
Saturday 14th December
Catherine Murphy
Clane Altar Society
Ann Fadden
Fionnuala Conroy

**Many thanks to those
who contributed,
and those who
collected and counted**
Basket € 1,648.37
Envelopes € 1,217.16

Veni Creator Spiritus

Chant, Improvisations and organ music on the
theme of the Holy Spirit. Featuring
Maynooth's Plainchant Performance students
together with organists Seán Tunney and
Eoin Shanahan. A fantastic opportunity to see
and hear spiritual music in the College Chapel,
Maynooth on Thursday 12th December
at 1:10pm Free Admission

St Vincent's Castleknock College
2021 Admissions : Closing Date for
applications is 31st December 2019. No
applications will be accepted after that date.
Application form for 2020 scholarships is
available on the College website.
Closing date 31st December 2019.
www.castleknockcollege.ie

Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

Thank you for supporting the Parish
Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal
again this year. 788 boxes from Clane
have started their journey to eSwatini
(formerly Swaziland). The poverty rate
there is 69% so, as you can imagine, each
of our Parish Shoebox gifts is a blessing
for the people of this nation.

A link to last year's delivery can be
found at www.teamhope.ie or on the
parish website.

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy
Christmas and the best for 2020.
Thank you again for your support
Bernie and Ediel

For more information

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