

## Masses for the Week

### Clane

Saturday 10th Sept	6.30pm	Rita Cooney (1st anniv), Oisín Kelly (1st anniv), Mary O'Flaherty, David & Anne Prendergast, Anne Smullen (Birth Rem), Thomas Doyle, Deceased members of the King Family, Anna McIntyre (Birth Rem), Patrick & Catherine Connolly, Andrew & Ann Collins
Sunday 11th Sept	9.30am	
	11.30am	Jimmy Harrington (1st anniv), Annie Carberry, Aisling Earley (Birth Rem), Pat & Rose Shortt, Danuta Spicera, Sister Julia Marie Kennedy
Monday 12th Sept	10.00am	Paudie Wallace (Birth Rem)
Tuesday 13th Sept	10.00am	Sick of the Parish
Wed 14th Sept	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thursday 15th Sept	10.00am	Michael O'Donoghue
Friday 16th Sept	10.00am	Joe Duffy, Daniel O'Brien, John, Elizabeth & Ernie Fitzgerald
Saturday 17th Sept	6.30pm	Peter McIntyrne, Richard (Dick) Reilly, Maureen & Seamus Gibbons, James & Nellie Reilly, Mary Browne, Jacke Cooper, Marie & Noel Delaney, Michael, Tommy & Joan Delaney
Sunday 18th Sept	9.30am	
	11.30am	Joe Duffy, Ronnie Cosgrave, Michael O'Donoghue

### Rathcoffey

Sunday 11th Sept	10.30am	Colm & Peig O'Higgins
Sunday 18th Sept	10.30am	Mick Maguire (1st anniv), Pat Travers and his parents Alice & Joe

	Saturday 17th 6.30pm	Sunday 18th 9.30am	Sunday 18th 11.30am	Sunday 18th 10.30am
	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Sara Gorman Laura Hamilton Cyrena Hayes Marie Welds	Hilary McDonnell Shirley O'Keeffe Mary O'Neill James Plunkett	Margaret Maguire Joe Malone Colette O'Byrne Sean O'Hara	Jenny Behan Michael Behan
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Paula Carbury Noeleen Conboy	Eddie Collins Patrick Cribbin	Jemma Ryan Noel De La Pena	Anne Egan
<b>Basket Collectors (September)</b>	John Duffy Joe Horan Michael Wallace	John Sullivan	Sean O'Hara Philip Comerford	

# Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Newsletter

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Rathcoffey Church, 1710 – 2022

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11th September 2022

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## Parish Contacts

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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 10.30am – 12.30pm

**Phone: 045-861393**

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## Coming to our senses

In the parables about the lost sheep and the lost coin, we hear how God celebrates when those who stray are returned to the community. In the third parable about the lost son, we hear that the younger brother eventually 'came to himself' or came to his senses as we might say. By entering into a greater awareness, he realised that he had made wrong choices and had a change of heart. We might focus today on how we too must come to our senses in our lives, especially during this Season of Creation. We lament the destruction of God's creation and the loss of biodiversity that is due to human activity. God's creatures are disappearing from the Earth at a rate we can scarcely comprehend. In 2020 the Living Planet Report concluded that 68%

of wildlife had disappeared in the period from 1970 to 2016. We are living through the sixth mass extinction of life in our planet's history, and this one is being driven by human over-consumption. For example, by destroying our great rainforests we destroy not only trees, but also the habitats of birds, insects, mammals and plants which will never be seen again. Pope Francis invites us to 'feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement'. We are part of, and dependent on, complex and delicate ecosystems which make up the web of life. This web is now unravelling, and we know that we humans cannot be healthy on a planet that is not itself healthy. The enormity of this crisis threatens to overwhelm us. Yet, hope is found in action. Like the lost son in today's gospel, we are capable of coming to our senses, choosing again what is good, and making a new start. As with all significant change, this begins at the grassroots – with you and me.

**PARISH LOTTO DRAW**  
Sponsored by  
Sherry FitzGerald Reilly, Clane

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
**8, 17, 30, 31**

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

**3 x €50 prize winners**

Fr. Mike Bracken, Allie Travers,  
Fiona Ronan

**Promoters Draw**

**2 x €50 prize winners**

Lourdes Fund, Lourdes Fund

**Next week's Jackpot:**

**€ 12,000**

Weekly Lotto tickets are  
available from your local Promoter,  
or the Parish Shop or Online at  
[www.claneparish.com/play-lotto/](http://www.claneparish.com/play-lotto/)

**Minimum €250 worth  
of prizes every week.**



**The Hedgehog Club** for girls and boys aged 6 to  
9 years will open mid September. We have  
some places available. Contact: 087 974 8877.

**The Evergreens** are returning to the Abbey  
on 13th September 2022 at 2pm.  
All Members new and old are welcome!  
Looking forward to seeing you all there.

**Thought for the Week**

"Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us  
as living creatures are dependent on one another." (Pope Francis)

**Parish online donations can be made  
via our website at  
[www.claneparish.com](http://www.claneparish.com) or direct to  
Parish a/c:**

**IBAN IE65AIBK 93323602444022**

**Clergy Fund a/c:  
IE79AIBK93323670508088**

**The Suaimehne Centre**

**Meditation on Mondays 7.30-9pm**

Join us for a cup of tea. To join for the meditation  
practice only, arrive from 8.15 onwards.

**Wakeful on Wednesdays 7.00-7.30am**

**Centred on Saturdays - 11am-12pm**

**For more information: 0872466892**

**E-mail: [suaimhneascenre@gmail.com](mailto:suaimhneascenre@gmail.com)**

**Public Rosary 10th September at 4pm**  
Our Lady's Garden behind Clane Church.

**9/11 Memorial, Donadea Forest**  
To mark the 21st anniversary of the 9/11  
atrocity, a memorial service will take place  
**at the Donadea Monument**  
**on Saturday, 10 September at 2 pm.**  
All welcome.

**Parish Altar Society**  
Annual Church Door Collection will take place  
on Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th Sept 2022.  
Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**The Clane I.C.A. Ladies** are holding their  
Annual Church Gate Collection on  
Saturday & Sunday 10th and 11th September.  
In aid of the Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

**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 Altar Society**  
Brid Harney  
Liz Cahalane

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

Basket € 1,390.20  
Envelopes € 861.80

**The Jesuits Fathers have re-opened  
the Peoples' Chapel.**

Mass is celebrated there every day,  
Sundays and all weekdays at 8am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(Confession) available  
every Saturday 5 to 6pm.

Fr. Kevin Casey took up an  
appointment in Clongowes recently,  
and is the Priest-in Charge of the  
Peoples' Chapel. The people and  
clergy of Clane and Rathcoffey are  
very grateful to the Jesuit Fathers  
for providing these Services.

**The Men for Christ Conference 2022** - a Catholic  
Conference for Men will be LIVE & EXCLUSIVE  
**on Radio Maria Ireland Saturday 17th September**  
**from 2pm.** Speakers for this years Conference  
are Fr. Jamie Twohig SAC, John Pridmore,  
David Quinn and Fr. Marius O'Reilly.

Health, Weight & Wellness is a weekly  
programme every Tuesday, online at 8pm.  
For enquiries contact Mary Lally 087-2764 539

**Clane Musical and Dramatic Society** are holding  
auditions for their 2023 production of "All Shook Up"  
featuring the music of Elvis. They will be held on  
Sunday 18th September, The Abbey Main Street Clane  
More information: [clanemusicalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:clanemusicalsociety@gmail.com)

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives**  
Fr Paul O'Boyle, Gemma Mallon, Aisling Behan  
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[Kathleen.Sherry.dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:Kathleen.Sherry.dlp@kandle.ie) 085 802 1633

**A message from Fr Paul**  
Greetings to all Clane and Rathcoffey  
Parishioners from Sydney, Australia.  
During my Sabbatical time I have been  
based here in St Canice's Jesuit Parish  
at Elizabeth Bay helping out at Masses  
and doing some study. I have visited  
Family relations in New Zealand and a  
Columban Missionary Parish in Fiji  
which was a wonderful experience.  
At the moment I am doing two weeks  
Duty here in Kyneton Parish near  
Melbourne for an Irish Priest who is  
also home on Sabbatical. I arrived last  
Sunday Morning to say Mass in a  
country Church to find two Kangaroos  
standing in the Church Grounds  
looking at me so a little different from  
Clane and Rathcoffey! I am very  
grateful to Fathers Octavian and  
Laurence from Romania who have  
been supporting Fr Denis who is  
convalescing following his time in  
Hospital, I also thank Deacon John and  
Fr John from Cooleragh and all our  
excellent Parish Staff and volunteers  
for all their support to the Parish at  
this time. Fr. Kowlani from Zimbabwe  
will be helping in the Parish until  
Mid-October when I will be returning  
to the Parish again and look forward to  
seeing you all then,  
With Best Wishes, Paul O'Boyle

**For more information**  
**[WWW.CLANEPARISH.COM](http://WWW.CLANEPARISH.COM)**  
**[WWW.RATHCOFFEYPARISH.COM](http://WWW.RATHCOFFEYPARISH.COM)**  
**[WWW.KANDLE.IE](http://WWW.KANDLE.IE) (Diocesan website)**