

**Our Faithful Departed... Eileen McCoombe, Sallins, Clane**  
**John (Johnny) Gartland, Rathcoffey**  
**may they rest in peace, Amen**

**Masses for the Week**

Saturday 16th Dec	6.30pm	Nick Hegarty (Months Mind), Kevin & Kathleen O'Neill, Joe Higgins, Denis Meehan, John Doran, Jack Doran, Brigid Smullen, Paddy Mallen, Kieran Mallen, Jean Fortune, Billy, Andrew & Anne Dunne & Deceased Family Members, John Dunne, Seamus & Lily Moore, Patrick & Mary Moore, Thomas & Elizabeth Ryan, Teresa McLoughlin, Sonny Mahoney & Deceased Members of The Mahoney Family, Jean Malone (Birth Rem), Jim Brien and Deceased Members of The Brien & Kelly Families, Brian Merriman,
Sunday 17th Dec	9.30am	Darroch Connolly (Birth Rem)
	11.30am	Jack Breslin, Mary & Nicholas Keary, Florrie Roche, Louise Fall, Joe, Mary Jo McCormack, Emma, Bernard & Damian Fagan, Jim & Christine Fay, Catherine, Paddy & Tom Byrne, Agatha Byrne, Malachi & Catherine Dempsey, Jim & Kathleen Drumm, Aidan Brown, Austin & Maureen O'Flaherty, Josephine McCollah
Monday 18th Dec	10.00am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 19th Dec	10.00am	Tony Meehan, Patricia Brophy, Tom, Tomás & Maureen Fitzgibbon
Wed 20th Dec	10.00am	Morning Prayer
Thu 21st Dec	10.00am	Isabell Sweeney, Helen Killick
Friday 22nd Dec	10.00am	Austin Daly
Saturday 23rd Dec	6.30pm	John Christanseen (Months Mind), Fergal Noonan, Philomena McCormack, Nan McCormack, Deceased Members of McCormack Family
Sunday 24th Dec	9.30am	John & Sarah Fortune
	5.00pm	Liam & Alison Flynn, Mary & John English, Eugene & Bridie Ryan, Paddy & Kathleen Keenan, Una Hylle, Johnny Keenan, Mick Coffey, John Curran, James, Seamus, Betty & Mary O'Toole, Bertie Mallon,
	6.30pm	Philip Colgan, Mikie Lanigan, Cathy Lanigan, Jim Lanigan, Statia Traynor, PJ Colgan, Phyllis Colgan, Cyril Colgan, Tommy Casey, Martin & Josie Brennan, Jackie, Ellen & John Casey, John Christensen, Paula Kavanagh, Mary & Frank Christensen, Austin Daly Jnr, William, Eileen & Pat Burke, Austin Daly Snr, Kelvin Mairead, Terence O'Sullivan, Barry Gallagher, Mick Ussher, Kathleen & John Ussher, Anna & Barney Curran, Rose & William Tallon, Lynn Lovelock, Mary & Tom Langan, John, Ellen & Pat Walsh, Thomas & Mary Losty, Denis & Mary Colgan, John & Brigid Losty, Brigid & Elizabeth Losty, Catherine Saunders
	9.00pm	Liam & Elizabeth Brennan, Michelle Caoimhe Heffernan, James & Patricia Fitzgerald, Nicholas, Kathleen & Nick Kelly, Lucy Brien, Sean Nolan, Margaret Murphy, Jack McCormack, John, Catherine, Phyllis & Nellie Cullen, Mai & Paddy Carroll, Tess & Bill Hickey, Joe, Mona & John Noonan, John & Leo Bogan, Noel & Josephine O'Shea, Deceased Members of the Schepens - Doyle Family

**Rathcoffey**

Sunday 17th Dec	10.30am	Annie Dreehan, Seamus Noonan
Sunday 24th Dec	8.30pm	Margaret Jennings

	Sat 23rd 6.30 pm	Sun 24h 9.30am	Sun 24th 5pm	Sun 24th 6.30pm	Sun 24h 9pm	Sun 24th 8.30pm
	Clane	Clane	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
Ministers of the Eucharist	Laura Duffy Patricia O'Neill Peter O'Neill Teresa Fadden	Oriana Hackett Katherine Martin Margaret McDonald Shirley O'Keefe	James Plunkett Marie Wells Sheila Briody Matthew Cribbin Colette O'Byrne	Laura Hamilton Anna Connolly Alice Corbett Yvonne Darragh	Diarmuid Coonan Bernie Corbett Marie Cribbin Cyrena Hayes Margaret Maguire	Deirdre Brilly Ray Barry
Ministers of the Word		Noeleen Conboy Michael Clifford	Rebecca O'Toole Bernie Campbell	Fionnuala White Diarmuid Coonan	Patricia Desmond Mary Dolan	Anne Egan

# Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Newsletter

**Clane Church, 1884 – 2023**

**Rathcoffey Church, 1710 – 2023**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**17th December 2023**

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**Parish Charity Number 20015848**

**Love while You can, walk while You can, Love not judgement**

## 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**

**Email: [claneparish@eircom.net](mailto:claneparish@eircom.net)**

**[www.claneparish.com](http://www.claneparish.com)**

**WebCam/Live Streaming**

**[www.claneparish.com](http://www.claneparish.com)**

**and on churchservices TV**

**[www.facebook.com/ClaneParishPage/](http://www.facebook.com/ClaneParishPage/)**

## Gaudete Sunday

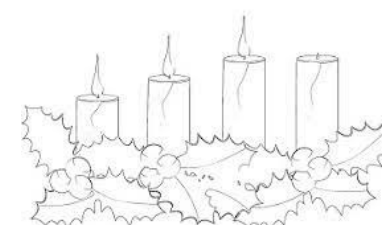
### Clane Church Bell

Clane Church Bell has been located at the back of the Church on a concrete base for over 100 years.

It was meant to be temporary!

Fr. Paul has engaged a conservation Architect to design a new structure to hold the Bell and to relocate the Bell in the front courtyard of the Church where it will be visible to all as we enter the Church.

We are applying for planning permission and we thank very generous Parishoners for supporting the project.



## PARISH LOTTO DRAW

Sponsored by  
Sherry FitzGerald Reilly, Clane  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**5, 7, 12, 23**

No Winner of Jackpot  
**3 x €50 Winners**

T. Courtney, Mary Barry,  
Adin O'Shea

### Promoters Draw

**2 x €50 prize winners**

Bob & Kates, Mary McCormack

**Next week's Jackpot:**

**€ 10,200**

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.**



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

### Feastdays

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

St. Fachanan of Galway

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

St. Peter Canisius, Holland

**Scoil Mhuire Carols** in Clane Church  
on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm  
in aid of the School Breakfast Club.

### **Parish Carol Service**

Sunday **December 17<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm  
in Clane Church. A Welcome to All!

### Cake sale

Sunday **17<sup>th</sup> December** 10am-12.30  
In Clane Parish Centre  
In Aid of Clane Union of Parishes

Christmas with **Irish Chamber Brass**  
featuring **Maynooth's Full Harmony Choir**  
at Rathcoffey GAA. Friday

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>** 7pm. Tickets €15.  
Contact 086 - 803 5967 for tickets

### **Parish Calendar 2024**

Our Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Calendar 2024  
is now on sale at €5 in Clane Parish Shop & in  
both Churches. Some lovely photos of Parish life.

### "Synod on the future of the Church"

The First session of the assembly of Bishops,  
Priests man and woman has just finished in  
Rome with the second session planned for  
October 2024 in Rome. The listening and  
consultation has been a concrete  
experience of a Church that is plural and  
able to live with differences as a richness in  
communion. Pope Francis reminds us that  
the important thing is HOW the reflection is  
done, the Synod is walking together in Faith.

### Goal Mile on Stephen's Day

Meet at MANZORS, 10 am to 1pm  
A family exercise: Walk Run or Jog.  
All are welcome. This your opportunity  
to give to the world's most needy.

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**  
Ann Fadden  
Fionnuala Conroy

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

Basket € 2,351.98  
Envelopes € 1,169.75

Parish of Clane & Rathcoffey

## **Christmas Ceremonies 2023**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm**  
Parish Carol Service in Clane Church

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm**  
Parish Penance Service in Clane Church  
visiting Priests will attend

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve**  
**Confessions** in Clane Church, 10.30am-12

**Masses:** 9.30am - Clane  
5pm - Clane  
6.30pm - Clane  
8.30pm - Rathcoffey  
9pm - Clane

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December-Christmas Day**  
**Masses:** 9.30am - Clane  
11.30am - Clane  
10.30am - Rathcoffey

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of the  
Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who makes us  
more open to teach other, resolves conflict, and  
strengthens our bonds of communion. May we  
grow in mutual affection and in the desire to  
announce the Gospel message more faithfully, that  
the world may come together in unity and welcome  
the Prince of Peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives**  
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Diocesan Designated Liaison Person  
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**Clane and Rathcoffey Parish Lotto** is a  
vital source of funds for the Parish  
and your support is greatly  
appreciated. The money generated  
from the lotto is used to fund the  
day-to-day running of the  
Parish. Since November 2022, the  
Parish Lotto has paid out over €35,000  
in prizes to subscribers, making it one  
of the most generous lotto's in  
Kildare. Please support the Parish  
Lotto by buying a ticket for €2 from  
the Parish Shop, Parish Centre,  
community promoters, local  
businesses or taking out an online  
subscription for 5, 10, 26 or 52 weeks  
at [www.claneparish.com/play-lotto](http://www.claneparish.com/play-lotto). You can also take out a 1/2  
yearly or yearly subscription - forms  
available in the Parish Shop. Why not  
consider buying a subscription as a  
Christmas present for the special  
person in your life.

### **Saturday/Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>**

**PLEASE NOTE** there will be Mass at  
6.30pm in Clane on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and  
9.30am Mass only in Clane  
on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December.

There will be **NO** 10.30am Mass or  
11.30am Mass in Clane on Dec 24<sup>th</sup>.

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)

**Thought for the Week**  
God often comes to us in disguise.