

Our Faithful Departed.....

Chris (Christopher) Carpenter, Clane
John (Johnny) Gartland, Rathcoffey and Wicklow
Bernadine O'Connor (née Sheppard), Baltracey
 may they rest in peace, Amen

Masses for the Week

Clane

Saturday 2nd Dec 6.30pm Brendan Herbert (Months mind), Dara Cottuli, Tommy Ennis,
Joseph Horan, Catherine & Patrick Connolly
Deceased Members of The Presentation Sisters Scoil Mhuire

Sunday 3rd Dec 9.30am People Of The Parish
11.30am Tommy Byrne (1st anniv), Esther (Essie) Corrigan,
Martin Benson, Brigid (Sis) Behan

Monday 4th Dec 10.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Tuesday 5th Dec 10.00am Rita Breen, Michael Murtagh & Deceased Members of The Murtagh Family

Wed 6th Dec 10.00am Morning Prayer

Thu 7th Dec 10.00am Isabell Sweeney, Pat & Dora McHugh, Madge & Michael O'Rourke,

Friday 8th Dec 11.00am Joe & Ellen Flynn
7.30pm Liam Flynn (Birth Rem), Alice Tobin

Saturday 9th Dec 6.30pm Jeannette Blake (Months Mind), Ann Prendergast, Kathleen Farrell,
Deceased Members of The Farrell and Flynn Families

Sunday 10th Dec 9.30am The Sick Of The Parish
11.30am Phyliss Carroll, John O'Brien, Pauline Veronica (Ronnie) Canning

Rathcoffey

Sunday 3rd Dec 10.30am Martin Tuohy (1st anniv), Dan & Annie Shovlin

Sunday 10th Dec 10.30am Tom & Christina Moore, Martin Sweeney

	Sat 9th 6.30 pm	Sunday 10th 9.30am	Sunday 10th 11.30am	Sunday 10th 10.30am
	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
Ministers of the Eucharist	Cyrena Hayes Ita Killaly Bernie Corbett Marie Cribbin	Katherine Martin Margaret McDonald Shirley O'Keefe James Plunkett	Sean O'Hara Sean O'Riordan Rose Sullivan Anna Wolfe	Esther Hendrick Siobhán McCrystal
Ministers of the Word	Patricia O'Neill John Farrelly	Kate O'Donoghue Michael Bermingham	Vanitha D Souza Colette O'Byrne	Dermot Lally
Basket Collectors (December)	Joe Higgins	Paddy Moore Darragh O'Brien	Kathleen Browne P. J. Sheridan	

Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Newsletter

Clane Church, 1884 – 2023

Rathcoffey Church, 1710 – 2023

First Sunday of Advent

3rd 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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Deacon John Dunleavy
Parish Office, Main Street, Clane
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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

www.claneparish.com

WebCam/Live Streaming

www.claneparish.com

and on churchservices TV

www.facebook.com/ClaneParishPage/

First Confessions / Penance

A Welcome to our
First Confession Children and
their Families who will receive
this special sacrament this week-
end in both
Clane & Rathcoffey.

Advent

Advent is a time of waiting and
preparation for the coming Feast
of Christmas. Advent reminds us
that God is close, God is near,
God is on the way.



PARISH LOTTO DRAW

Sponsored by
Sherry FitzGerald Reilly, Clane
Tuesday 28th November 2023

2, 10, 13, 21

No Winner of Jackpot

3 x €50 Winners

Paddy Moore, Sean Fanning,
Orla & Liam Heeneey

Promoters Draw

2 x €50 prize winners

Mary McCormack, Ann Murphy

Next week's Jackpot:

€ 9,800

Weekly Lotto tickets are
available from your local Promoter,
or the Parish Shop or Online at
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 or

direct to

Parish a/c:

IBAN IE65AIBK 93323602444022

Clergy Fund a/c:

IE79AIBK93323670508088

Feastdays

Sunday 3rd December - St. Francis Xavier, Jesuit
Wednesday 6th December - St. Nicholas, Turkey
Thursday 7th December - St. Ambrose of Milan

Parish Carol Service

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

Crib Exhibition

We look forward to over one hundred
cribs on display in Clane Church at the
6.30pm/9.30am/11.30am Masses this
coming weekend on **December 9th/10th**
A Welcome to all.

Parish Calendar 2024

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

Christmas with **Irish Chamber Brass**
featuring **Maynooth's Full Harmony**

Choir at Rathcoffey GAA. Friday
December 22nd 7pm. Tickets €15.

Congratulations to Cathal O'Brien and
Jenna Sliwowski who were married
last Saturday 25th November.

Cake sale

Sunday **17th December** 10am-12.30pm
In Clane Parish Centre
In Aid of Clane Union of Parishes

Franciscan retreat in Salesian House St
Catherine's Maynooth, Dec 10th starting
11.45am to conclude with Mass at 4pm
Fr. Michael Duffy Capuchin giving the
retreat. Text 086-858 0229

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

Clane Altar Society

Ann Fadden
Fionnuala Conroy

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

Basket € 1,839.20
Envelopes € 808.65

An Advent Household Prayer

Loving God,
as your light grows in the dark of winter,
bring its strength and its hope to the
people of the Holy Land and to all people
who suffer through war and conflict.
Just as you sent the star of Bethlehem to
lead the way to your Son, guide all
people—leaders and citizens—to follow
your ways of peace and justice.
As we remember the difficult journey of
Mary and Joseph, may the Holy Family be
a source of courage for each of us, helping
us to reach out in friendship to the
oppressed and displaced of this world.
Help us to see in the Christ—child we
welcome this Christmas, the one who
came to bring an end to all divisions.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
And may the Lord bless us and keep us
safe this Advent day and always. Amen.
Come, Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace.

8th Dec 2023 Friday -The Immaculate Conception

Ministers of the Word - Clane

11am: Claire McManus Crainie, Aileen Cahill
7.30pm: Christy Kirwan, Brian O'Brien

Ministers of the Eucharist - Clane

11am: Teresa Fadden, Laura Duffy,
Margaret Maguire, Colette O'Byrne
7.30pm: Tom Cleary, Diarmuid Coonan,
Patricia O'Neill, Peter O'Neill

Parish Safeguarding Representatives
Fr Paul O'Boyle, Sean O'Hara, Aisling Behan
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An Advent Tradition for Church and Home:

The Advent Wreath

We invite you to continue or start the
tradition of havign an Advent wreath
in the home. The advent wreath has a rich
meaning. The **circle** of the wreath, with no
beginning or end, symbolises the eternity
of God. The **evergreen** reminds us of the
everlasting life we have in Christ while any
pine cones or pods in the wreath represent
new life and resurrection. The **four candles**
represent the four Sundays of Advent. **Purple**
is traditionally a colour of penance and
prayer while the **rose** pink candle that is lit
on the Third Sunday (Gaudete/Rejoice Sun-
day) marks our joy as we move ever closer to
Christmas.
As you light a candle on your Advent wreath
for the first time, pray this prayer of blessing
and take a moment talk to God about how
you will journey through Advent this year
alone or as a household. Finish your time of
prayer, again, with the Advent prayer:
Come, Lord Jesus!

A Blessing Prayer

Loving God,
let your blessing come upon us as we light
this wreath. May it be sign of hope for us as
we prepare for your coming & may it turn
our hearts to you in the days ahead. Give us
& the world your peace and love as we wait
in joyful hope.
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)

Thought for the Week

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. (Psalm 32)