

# Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Newsletter

## Masses for the Week

### Clane

Saturday 21st February 6.30pm John B McAndrew, Elizabeth Francie Bardon, Margaret Slevin, Larry Connolly and Dudley & Mona Stuart, Sean Cribbin, Brendan & Kitty Cribbin, John, Mary Ann & Baby John Cribbin, Bridie & Kit O'Brien, Cecilia Clarke, Jack Sharkey, Mary Langan, John Lawlor, Angela & Sheila Connolly

Sunday 22nd February 9.30am  
11.30am Des Marron, Margaret Doolan, Richard & Kathleen White, Baby Charlie Morley Kavanagh, Michael O'Riordan, Carmel Shortt (Birth Rem) and her husband Maurice, Deceased Members of The Burns Family

Tuesday 24th February 10.00am The People of The Parish

Wed. 25th February 10.00am

Thursday 26th February 10.00am Deceased Members of The Burns Family

Friday 27th February 10.00am

Saturday 28th February 6.30pm Eddie Hackett, Noel Murphy, Mick Gill, Sadie Fortune, Frances & Paddy Gill and Deceased Members of the Gill Family

Sunday 1st March 9.30am

11.30am James Noonan, Anna & John Cosgrove, Brendan & Kitty Dowling

### Rathcoffey

Sunday 22nd February 10.30am Mick Mitchell (1st anniv), Aisling Moloney, James & Irene Curran, Darragh Connolly

Sunday 1st March 10.30am Patrick Jennings

	Sat 28th 6.30 pm	Sunday 1st 9.30am	Sunday 1st 11.30am	Sunday 1st 10.30am
	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Padraig Carbury Diarmuid Coonan Bernie Corbett Anne Behan	Jenny Remo Matthew Cribbin Cait Cullen Katherine Martin	Margaret Maguire Colette O'Byrne Sean O'Hara Rose Sullivan	Aisling Behan Alvagh Cronin
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Mary Dolan Cyrena Hayes	Sheila Briody Michael Clifford	Marion McHugh Ailish Sheehan	Ray Barry
<b>Basket Collectors (March)</b>		Darragh O'Brien Paddy Moore James Plunkett	Sean O'Hara Philip Comerford Donal O'Brien	

Clane Church, 1884 – 2026

Rathcoffey Church, 1710 – 2026

First Sunday of Lent  
Parish Charity Number 20015848

22nd February 2026  
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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

### Suaimhneas Centre

Main Street Clane, 087-2466 892  
Supporting Our Search For Inner Peace

### Children's Grief Space

Making a difference in the lives of children and young people affected by loss  
Parish Centre, Main Street in Clane  
089-246 5747

### Parish Shop and Office

#### The Parish Centre

#### Main Street Clane

#### OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm

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

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

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f [www.facebook.com/ClaneParishPage](https://www.facebook.com/ClaneParishPage)

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### Trócaire

#### Lent is what we do

In Rwanda, the rains fall harder every year, and families like Uwamahoro's are left to pick up the pieces.

**What used to be rare, once-in-a-generation storms now return every year, before families can even recover from the last.**

In 2024, severe weather across Rwanda killed nearly 200 people injured hundreds more and left thousands of homes destroyed or damaged. Each season brings new destruction to homes and crops, before the last can be repaired. It is often women who are carrying the heaviest load. Across Rwanda, they do most of the farming, they gather water, they put food on the table - yet they are too often excluded from the decisions that shape their futures.

That's why, working with our partners across Rwanda, Trócaire programmes support women to lead community groups and have a say in the choices that affect their families' lives. For Uwamahoro, every coin is stretched, every step is uphill, and still she keeps going.

**For the Trócaire Box Appeal this Lent, you can help make sure what little they have left.**

## PARISH LOTTO DRAW

Sponsored by  
Sherry FitzGerald Reilly, Clane

Tuesday 17th February 2026

# 11, 13, 29, 30

No winner of Jackpot

**3 x €50 Winners**

Nathan Fagan, Nicola Barry,  
Darragh O'Brien

**Promoters Draw**

**2 x €50 prize winners**

Brendan Travers, Mags Brilly

Next week's Jackpot:

## € 2,400

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

### Feast days during the week:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - St. Polycarp  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - St. Gregory of Narek, Armenia

### Thought for the Week

The only time that we are allowed to look down on others is when we are offering to help them up (Pope Francis)

### CONFIRMATION 2026

**Clane**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 10.30am and 1pm

**Rathcoffey**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026 11am

### Lenten Journey

Baptised and Sent This Lent, come join a shared weekly journey of prayer, Gospel reflection and conversation. These 5 weekly gatherings invite all to rediscover who we are in Christ, listen to the Holy Spirit, and live our baptismal calling more deeply as we continue the Church's journey of renewal in Ireland.

Week 1: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Parish Church, Clane and every following Wednesday.

### Clane's Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Churchgate Collection

is taking place next weekend 28<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Please support if you can.

All help is very much appreciated.  
2026 Clane St. Patrick's Day Theme: 'Forty Shades of Green'

### Forms of Friday Penance

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- Abstaining from meat or some other food;
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;
- Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;
- Making the Stations of the Cross;
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;
- Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

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)

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Clane Church  
10.30am - 11am Fridays  
(after 10am Mass)  
All Welcome!

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

Basket € 1,819.24  
Envelopes €1,013.50

Let us pray that as we begin the season of Lent we embrace the opportunity to:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries and have trust in God.  
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness and fill our hearts with joy.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words and be silent so we can listen.

### Safeguarding Sunday

Sunday, February 22, is Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday. It is the first Sunday of Lent and appropriately so, as we enter the Penitential Season and seek forgiveness for past failings. In his address at the January Consistory Pope Leo XIV reminded all that 'abuse itself causes a deep wound, which may last a lifetime; but often the scandal in the Church is that the door was closed and victims were not welcomed or accompanied with the closeness of authentic pastors'.

The National Child Safeguarding Policy for our Church is called 'A Safe and Welcoming Church' and that is what our Diocese is and our Parishes are, a safe and welcoming Church.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives  
Fr Paul O'Boyle, Sean O'Hara, Aisling Behan  
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person  
Ailish Higgins [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie) 085 802 1633

### My Prayer on Lighting a Candle

Lord,  
May this candle be a light for you to enlighten me in my difficulties and decisions. May it be a fire for you to burn out of me all pride, selfishness and impurity. May it be a flame for you to bring warmth into my heart towards my family, my neighbours, and all those who meet me. Through the prayers of Mary, Virgin and Mother, I place in your care those I come to remember especially. I cannot stay long here in contemplation with you, I wish to give you something of myself. Help me to continue my prayer into everything I do this day. Amen.

### Divine Mercy Conference

Bus leaving Clane Parish Church; Saturday 28th February.  
Phone Marie 086-198 3870  
Cera 086-858 0229 for details.

### Thresholds of Transformation

Thresholds of Transformation for Seekers and Searchers is offered as a 15-session spiritual journey that invites participants into a deeper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. Rooted in Pope Francis' 'Laudato Si', the programme explores faith, integral ecology, and hope in the midst of today's global challenges. We are delighted to share that we will be facilitating Thresholds of Transformation for Seekers and Searchers here at Suaimehnas, Emo, beginning on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please visit <https://tts.thresholdsoftransformation.org/> for more information or ask for the brochure in your Parish.

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)