

Our Faithful Departed.....

Olive Hannigan (née Duffy) Carrickahogue, Raferagh, Monaghan/Clane, Kildare/Togher, Louth
James Carroll, Loughbollard, Clane/Walkinstown, Dublin
Patrick Brennan, Dublin, Son of Patrick Brennan, Blackhall
 ...may they rest in peace, Amen

Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Newsletter

Clane Church, 1884 – 2026

Rathcoffey Church, 1710 – 2026

Clane

Masses for the Week

Saturday 18th April	6.30pm	Mick Giblin, Joseph Higgins Jr., Joseph Higgins Snr., Barry Keville, Laurence & Sarah Higgins, Adele O’Rafferty, Betty Watchorn, Bob Cusack, Ben Foran
Sunday 19th April	9.30am	Bridie Ryan
	11.30am	Moira Murphy, Brigid Morrin, Oliver Kerns, Patrick Brennan, Ann Maguire & Deceased Members of The Sweeney Family
Tuesday 21st April	10.00am	Rosalyn Chirakal (Months Mind), Charles & Eileen McCreevy, Larry & Marie Slevin, Genevieve McCann (Birth Rem)
Wed 22nd April	10.00am	Morning Prayer
Thursday 23rd April	10.00am	Bridget & Michael Murtagh
Friday 24th April	10.00am	
Saturday 25th April	6.30pm	Brendan Hunt, Noeleen Doody, Christy O’Shea, Sean, John & Willie O’Shea, John, Joe & Mona Noonan
Sunday 26th April	9.30am	
	11.30am	Margaret Twomey (1st anniv), Catherine Higgins, Frank Fahy, Delia Gibbons

Rathcoffey

Sunday 19th April	10.30am	Dessie Galvan, Dominic Burke and Deceased Members of The Burke Family
Sunday 26th April	10.30am	Mick & Sheila McAndrew, Bill, Mary & Tom Merriman

	Sat 25th 6.30 pm Clane	Sunday 26th 9.30am Clane	Sunday 26th 11.30am Clane	Sunday 26th 10.30am Rathcoffey
Ministers of the Eucharist	Padraig Carbury Diarmuid Coonan Bernie Corbett Cyrena Hayes	Charlotte Hackett Oriana Hackett Marie Kelly Kathleen McKenna	Anna Wolfe Tony McKenna Magdalena Tafelska Beata Mitus	Jenny Behan Alvagh Cronin
Ministers of the Word	John Farrelly Faye Miller	Eddie Collins Declan Dillon	Ailish Sheehan Noel De La Pena	Pat McEvoy
Basket Collectors (April)	Joe Horan	Darragh O’Brien Paddy Moore John Sullivan	P.J. Sheridan	

3rd Sunday of Easter

19th April 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

Suaimehneas 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

Phone: 045-861393

Email: claneparish@eircom.net

www.claneparish.com

WebCam/Live Streaming

www.claneparish.com

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A Stronger Hope

Traditionally at this time of the year thousands of Christians are baptised all over the world. One such candidate was asked whether he felt any different now that he was baptised. The candidate replied, „Yes, I went from believing nothing, to believing everything sort of vaguely. I hope that God will make things clearer to me as I continue on this journey.”

The Resurrection is a little like this. In all honesty, the story of the Empty Tomb doesn’t have us leaping up and down in the Church pews. In truth, the Resurrection doesn’t make everything great. We still have fear and doubt and pain, but whereas before we had nothing, now we have a hope. For some of us it might be a vague kind of hope, but we trust that God will make it a stronger hope as we continue our journey of faith and understanding.

PARISH LOTTO DRAW

Sponsored by
Sherry FitzGerald Reilly, Clane

Tuesday 14th April 2026

7, 13, 18, 23

No winner of Jackpot

3 x €50 Winners

Joe Campbell, JJ Brereton,
Garrett Walsh

Promoters Draw

2 x €50 prize winners

Benevolent Fund, Benevolent Fund

Next week's Jackpot:

€ 3,800

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



Eucharist Adoration
10.30am - 11am Fridays (after 10am Mass)
All Welcome!

Thought for the Week

Hope, freedom, happiness and courage.

2026 First Communion Days

Rathcoffey

11.30am on Sunday May 10th

Clane

Scoil Bhríde:

9:30am & 11.30am on Sunday May 17th

Scoil Phádraig:

9:30am & 11.30am on Sunday May 24th.

A welcome to All!

We Welcome the following recently Baptised in the Parish:

- Emily Anne Corrigan
- Filip Ulmanski
- Eala Hezel McKeon
- Elodie Carr
- Beatriz Belotto Costa
- Sophia Belotto Costa
- Croia Marie O'Neill
- Michaela Jibin

Why Sunday Matters

Sunday has always been the day of the Lord: the day of resurrection, the day of rest, the day of Eucharist. From the very beginning of our Christian faith, Sunday has been central to the life of the Church and remains the heart of Christian practice. It is on this day that we gather as a community, united in our love for Christ, to encounter the risen Lord and be nourished in body and soul.

The Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation is leading a series of **training sessions for Parish Readers** – new and existing – in the coming weeks, drawing on the Diocesan Programme 'Entrusted with the Word'.

Clane Parish Centre,

Tuesday, April 21st, 28th & May 5th

Deacon Fergal O'Neill & Jean Roche

All sessions will run from 7-9pm with
tea/coffee available from 6:45 pm. Welcome!

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

(two weeks)

Basket € 6,213.20
Envelopes € 2,101.88

Christian Persecution

Today, as wars rage and Christians face greater levels of persecution, the Resurrection speaks with particular power. Consider the suffering

Church across the globe, that we serve.

According to the most recent ACN report, some 413 million Christians - one in seven - live in countries where religious freedom is severely violated. Of these, approximately 220 million - about one in ten - live in countries where they are directly exposed to persecution.

Last year alone, thousands of Christians were murdered for their faith. Churches were burned, families displaced, believers imprisoned or forced underground.

In war-torn regions such as **Ukraine, Gaza, Lebanon, Sudan** and **Myanmar**, violence shatters communities, and innocent blood stains the soil. Yet, precisely in these crucibles, Easter shines brightest.

Apostolate Eucharistic Adoration Annual Pilgrimage

Knock Sunday 19th April. Bus travelling from Athy through Stradbally, Portlaoise - Cost €25.
Contact Barbara Kinsella to book a seat.
086-1637 311

Feast days during the week:

Tuesday 21st - St. Anselm, France
Thursday 23rd - St. George, England
Saturday 25th - St. Mark, Evangelist

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

Stay with Us, Lord

Walk with us, Lord,
along the road of resurrection.
Explain for us, so slow to believe,
the things that Scripture says of you.
Break the bread of the Eucharist with us
whenever we share our lives
with our brothers and sisters.
Amen.

Art and Worship: Liturgy Association of Ireland Annual Conference

A one day conference takes place on Saturday, 25 April in Renehan Hall Maynooth from 10am-4pm. The guest speakers all bring with them interesting and stimulating perspectives on various types of visual arts and worship. Further details and booking on Eventbrite.

Outdoor Public Rosary

Saturday April 25th 2026
3pm at The Abbey

Dr Daniel William Cahill: upcoming lecture and exhibition

A lecture about Dr Daniel William Cahill (1796-1864), an Arles native, prominent Catholic priest and celebrated science lecturer will take place at Carlow College, St Patrick's on Thursday, 23 April starting at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend and admission is free of charge. The talk, organised by the Delany Archive, will be delivered by Dr Diarmid Finnegan, Queen's University Belfast.

For more information
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WWW.RATHCOFFEYPARISH.COM
WWW.KANDLE.IE (Diocesan website)