

Our Faithful Departed.....

Elizabeth (Betty) Casey, nee Harrington, sister of Johnny Harrington  
 .....may she rest in peace, Amen.

Masses for the Week

Clane

Saturday 25th Feb	6.30pm	John Kearney, Austin Lombard, David O 'Doherty, Angela Kelly, James & Margaret Kelly & Deceased Family Members
Sunday 26th Feb	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Hugh & Mary Kearns, Chris Murphy
Monday 27th Feb	10.00am	
Tuesday 28th Feb	10.00am	Sick of the Parish
Wed 29th Feb	10.00am	Jack Cullen (Months Mind Mass)
Thursday 1st March	10.00am	
Friday 2nd March	10.00am	People of the Parish
Saturday 3rd March	10.00am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Geraldine Owens (First Anniversary), Bill & Margaret Stafford, Joseph, Mairead & Sean Horan, Elizabeth Lynam, Netta Hayes
Sunday 4th March	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Baby Charlie Morley Kavanagh, Liz Reilly

Rathcoffey

Sunday 26th Feb	10.30am	Michael & Jane Coleman, Irene & James Curran
Sunday 4th March	10.30am	John McNally, Bridget Cullen, Sam & Ann Gill, Sam Gill Junior, Mary Commins

	Saturday 3rd 6.30pm	Sunday 4th 9.30am	Sunday 4th 11.30am	Sunday 4th 10.30am
	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Damian McCaffrey Noirin O'Hagan Patricia O'Neill Peter O'Neill Jeanette O'Rourke	Carmel Shortt Kathleen Brennan Sheila Briody Michael Clifford Anne Cribbin	Anna Connolly Alice Corbett Maureen Cummins Yvonne Darragh Breda Dunne	Grainne Ward Brendan Travers
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Stephen Morrin Brian O'Brien	Do this in Memory Mass	John Farrelly Barbara Hanway	Alvagh Cronin
<b>Basket Collectors (March)</b>	John Duffy Joe Horan Michael Wallace	John Sullivan Darragh O'Brien Charlie Flynn	Sean O'Hara Jack McCormack Philip Comerford	
<b>Service of the Word and Holy Communion Sat 3rd</b>			Moira Fogarty, Anne Heffernan	

# Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Newsletter

Clane Church, 1884 – 2012

Rathcoffey Church, 1710 – 2012

First Sunday of Lent

26th February 2012

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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 9.30am – 3pm  
Saturday 10.30am – 1pm

**Phone: 045-861393**

**Email: [claneparish@eircom.net](mailto:claneparish@eircom.net)**  
**[www.claneparish.com](http://www.claneparish.com)**

## Lent 2012

Prayer, fasting, and  
almsgiving are tools for us on our  
journey through Lent. They  
strengthen and shape us, and  
challenge us both individually and  
as a community of believers.

For what do they strengthen us?  
They strengthen us so that we might  
love one another as we are loved.

For what do they shape us?  
They shape us to become  
Ambassadors for Christ, to work and  
build God's Kingdom of  
justice and love.

How do they challenge us?  
They challenge us to see deeply our  
own identity as the Father's children,  
to see the identity of those most in  
need in our world as our Father's  
children too and to act, in love, out of  
this identity.

Trocaire Boxes are available now  
from both churches and the  
parish shop.

**PARISH LOTTO DRAW**  
**Tuesday 21st February 2012**

**5, 7, 8, 31**

**No winner of this weeks Jackpot**

**3 x €50 prize winners**

Shay Grace, Paul Britton,  
Liam Burke

**Promoters Draw – 2 x €50 prize winners**

Moira Daly, Teresa Galvin

**€25 prize winner**

Betty Powell

**Next week's Jackpot:**

**€ 2,200**

Weekly Lotto tickets are available from  
your local Promoter or the Parish Shop.

**Minimum €275 worth  
of prizes every week.**

**Confirmation 2012**

**Clane: Saturday March 24th at  
10.30am and 12.30pm**

**Rathcoffey: Sunday 25th March at 11am**

**Parish Cake Sale**

There will be a coffee morning and cake sale in  
the parish hall on Saturday evening March 9th  
after 6.30PM Mass and on Sunday 10th March  
after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses. Dona-  
tions of cakes will be most welcome. Contact  
Damian or Mary in the Parish Shop.

This weekend we welcome to our parish a member  
of VMM, the Volunteer Missionary Movement, who  
is presently visiting parishes in the Diocese of  
Kildare & Leighlin. VMM is an international Lay  
Catholic development organisation founded in  
1969. VMM recruits, trains and supports skilled  
volunteers with professional or technical expertise  
to work in areas of need in Africa, Asia and Latin  
America. VMM's overall purpose is to challenge,  
enable and support lay people to participate in the  
mission of promoting justice, respect and dignity  
for all. Currently they are supporting more than 50  
volunteers in 10 countries in a variety of missionary  
and development programmes.

**Thought for the Week**

People will know how large your soul is by the way you treat a dog.

**Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Lotto**

We would like to remind all those  
who wish to renew their Annual  
Subscription or return ticket stubs  
can do so at the Parish Shop during the  
week or in the Parish Centre each  
Tuesday between 7.30pm and 8.45pm.

The Faith Friends Programme has begun as  
part of the preparation for our Confirmation  
candidates. We thank the young people and  
parents who are involved, and who are  
showing such an interest in those who are to  
be Confirmed at the end of March.

**Diocesan Youth Congress**

Young people aged 16-25yrs are invited to take  
part in the Diocesan Youth Congress being held  
in St Leo's College, Carlow on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>  
March from 9.30am to 7pm. The Congress Day  
will include a variety of music, workshops, talks,  
drama, prayer and much more... check it out on  
Facebook at KildareLeighlin YouthCongress or at  
[www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) Brochures are available through  
the parish and on the website and online booking  
is available at [www.kandle.ie/congress](http://www.kandle.ie/congress) Closing  
date for bookings is 27<sup>th</sup> February. All welcome.

**How to book for the 50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic  
Congress (IEC2012)**

- 1) **Telephone** the IEC2012 Booking offices on 01  
2981122.
- 2) **Book Online** on the Congress website  
[www.iec2012.ie/registration](http://www.iec2012.ie/registration)
- 3) **Download a paper booking form** from the  
Congress website [www.iec2012.ie/registration](http://www.iec2012.ie/registration) and  
send the completed form to CSSL, 3rd Floor, Para-  
digm House, Dundrum Office Park, Dundrum, Dublin  
14. Advance bookings are open until the 9<sup>th</sup> of May  
2012. After that date all bookings are onsite the RDS.  
**Volunteer – Closing date: 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
Volunteers have an integral role to play in the  
success of the 50th International Eucharistic  
Congress in Ireland. Volunteers are needed for the  
period of Wednesday 6th June—Tuesday 19th June  
2012. **The closing date for volunteer applications is  
Saturday 17th March 2012** as volunteers must  
complete induction training and a Garda vetting  
process. Volunteer now and get involved! To register  
as a volunteer fill in the online form available on  
[www.iec2012.ie/volunteer](http://www.iec2012.ie/volunteer).

**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 GAA Membership Day  
takes place this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February  
from 12.30pm—2.00pm**

Bingo Returns to Clane GAA  
Commencing Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March @  
8.30pm Jackpot Starting @ €1,500  
Many Cash Prizes on the night  
All Welcome!

**Croke Park Mass**

The final Mass of the International  
Eucharistic Congress takes place in Croke  
Park on Sunday 17th June 2012. Our parish  
will receive a limited number of tickets for  
this Mass, which are available for €10. Any-  
one who wishes to avail of a ticket must  
complete an application form in the parish  
shop by Friday March 9th 2012.

There will be a church gate collection at  
the 10.30am Mass in Rathcoffey on  
Sunday 4th March 2012 for the Altar  
Society, towards the cost of providing  
flowers for the church during the year.  
All support is most welcome.

**Hope(D) Helping other people  
endure depression.**

Hope(d) Counselling Service, 3 Limerick  
Lane, Newbridge provides counselling  
services in the Kildare area, particularly  
those who cannot afford to pay for  
private counselling. Simply donate what  
you can, if you can. Counsellors offer  
support in numerous areas, including  
depression, suicidal thoughts, anxiety,  
bereavement, low self esteem, addiction  
and many more. Hope(D) serves all areas  
in Kildare. Call our qualified counsellors  
for an appointment on 087 1513535.

**"Confidentiality is paramount  
to our services".**

**Clane Parish Shop**

Saturday 3rd March  
Mary O'Neill

**Clane Altar Society**

Breda Connolly, Eileen  
Duffy, Frances Ennis

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

Basket € 1446.32  
Envelopes € 1633.63

**RATHCOFFEY G.A.A. LOTTO RESULTS**  
19th February 2012. Jackpot: € 2,200  
Numbers drawn: 6, 7, 11, 18

There was no winner.

In-house winner, Yvonne Tyrell Tierney

Sellers Prize: Sean Moriarty

€20 to each of the following: May Muldowney,  
Therese McCrosson, Maura Gowan, Ann Lennon

Jackpot next week: € 2,300

**Behind the struggle for justice,**

**Hearts beat,**

**People hurt,**

**Help arrives,**

**Support grows,**

**Hope blossoms,**

**Strength builds,**

**Victories come,**

**Change happens.**

**Diocesan Eucharistic Congress:**

**A Place at the Table**

**March 9 and 10**

Registration Closes February 27

Congress is Free but **Booking is Essential**

Please return your **Booking Forms** to

Faith Development Services, Cathedral

Parish Centre, College St, Carlow, or

**book online at [www.kandle.ie/congress](http://www.kandle.ie/congress)**

**For more information**

**WWW.CLANEPARISH.COM**

**WWW.RATHCOFFEYPARISH.COM**

**WWW.KANDLE.IE** (Diocesan website)