

Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Newsletter

Clane Church, 1884 – 2020

Rathcoffey Church, 1710 – 2020

First Sunday of Lent

1st March 2020

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Masses for the Week

Clane

Saturday 29th Feb	6.30pm	John Kearney, Teresa Lynch (Months Mind Mass) Chris & Teresa Murphy
Sunday 1st Mar	9.30am	Liam Flynn, Thomas Doran
	11.30am	Michael Walsh, Angela Kelly, Gerard McGurk
Monday 2nd Mar	10.00am	
Tuesday 3rd Mar	10.00am	John & Orla Curley
Wed 4th Mar	10.00am	
Thursday 5th Mar	10.00am	
Friday 6th Mar	10.00am	Eoin Murphy, Nancy Connolly
Saturday 7th Mar	10.00am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Sean Halligan, Geraldine Owens, Aileen McMenamin, Paddy Quigley, Michael Smith, Elizabeth O'Reilly
Sunday 8th Mar	9.30am	Peter Kelly
	11.30am	People of the Parish

Rathcoffey

Sunday 1st Mar	10.30am	Thomas & Julia Tyrell, remembering their sons Michael & Thomas and daughters Eileen & Carmel Tyrell
Sunday 8th Mar	10.30am	John McNally, Bridget Cullen, Jenny and Jack Kinsella

	Saturday 7th 6.30pm	Sunday 8th 9.30am	Sunday 8th 11.30am	Sunday 8th 10.30am
	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
Ministers of the Eucharist	Cyrena Hayes Monica Kilkenny Mary Kiely Ita Killaly Damian McCaffrey	Michael Clifford Cait Cullen Anne Fadden Assumpta Flynn Oriana Hackett	Colette O'Byrne Anna Connolly Alice Corbett Yvonne Darragh Frank Kavanagh	Ray Barry Aisling Behan
Ministers of the Word	Confirmation Mass	Patrick Cribbin Declan Dillon	Sean O'Hara Breda O'Neill	Confirmation Mass
Servers	3	4	5	2
Basket Collectors (March)	John Duffy Joe Horan Michael Wallace	John Sullivan Darragh O'Brien Charlie Flynn	Sean O'Hara Philip Comerford	
Service of the Word and Holy Communion Sat 7th			Anna Connolly, Una Duffy	

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Weekend Mass Times

Clane

Saturday	6.30pm
Sunday	9.30am 11.30am

Rathcoffey

Sunday	10.30am
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Parish Shop and Office

The Parish Centre
Main Street Clane
OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday 9.30am – 1.30pm
Saturday 10.30am – 1pm

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What does Lent mean?

While we associate Lent with preparation for Easter, the word 'Lent' actually comes from the Anglo-Saxon word Lencten, meaning 'spring'. That might seem strange at first but when we think about it there is an obvious connection between spring and our preparation for Easter. While the images of spring may be of blooming flowers, spring lambs and lengthening, warmer days, none of this is instantaneous. It is a slow process of change, growth and new beginnings as nature turns away from the cold and harshness of winter towards the warmth and light of spring. Our journey in Lent is a bit like that, offering us an annual opportunity, in the light and warmth of our faith, for change, growth and new beginnings. Every spring, every Lent holds the promise of a fresh start and new life; this is a time when we can honestly look at our lives and take even the simplest of steps to turn back to and deepen our relationship with God and allow our faith to impact who we are in the world. In other languages the word Lent comes from the Latin, Quadragesima – a period of 40 days. In the Christian tradition the forty days is understood to refer to a time of intense prayer and preparation; we remember the biblical stories of Noah and the flood of forty days, the forty years the Israelites spent wandering in the wilderness and, primarily, we remember Christ's forty day fast in preparation for his ministry. Lent is our forty days of preparation to renew our baptism at Easter and to put ourselves back on track to live the life our baptism calls us to live in the everyday circumstances we find ourselves. Lent, then, is a time of doing penance, of actively embracing the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. None of these are ends in themselves, they are all part of the process that leads us back to God.

**PARISH LOTTO DRAW
Tuesday 25th February 2020**

18, 19, 23, 30

No winner of this week's Jackpot

3 x €50 prize winners

Barry Kids, Kyle & Sofia Byrne,
Breda Behan

Promoters Draw – 2 x €50 prize winners

Bob and Kates, Brig Cuddihy

€25 prize winner

Lourdes Fund

Next week's Jackpot:

€ 10,600

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

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

**We welcome Sr Bernadette Reynolds
from the Franciscan Missionaries of
Mary who will speak at all Masses
next weekend.**

**We invite people to donate a little
extra in the Offertory Collection to
help with their Missionary Work.**

We were delighted to welcome Bishop
Denis Nulty to celebrate the 10am Mass
on Friday 21st last where he affirmed the
excellent work of our Parish Community
Sponsorship Group.

Parish "500" Draw

Our main Parish Fundraiser for this year
is a 500 ticket Draw with a prize fund of
€5000. Tickets are €50 each and are
available in the Parish Shop, at both
Churches and from your local promoter.
The Draw takes place on
Saturday April 4th 2020.

Thought for the Week

Go not where a path happens to be, go rather where a path ought to be.

Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Lotto

Please ensure that you return your weekly
Lotto tickets and fully paid up annual
subscriptions to the parish shop during the
week and to our parish centre each Tuesday
evening between 7.30pm and 8.45pm to
ensure that you will be included in our
weekly lotto draw. Many thanks.

**Thank you to the large group of young
people who are acting as faith friends
over the coming weeks with our
Confirmation students. Many thanks also
to the parents and other adults who are
helping with supervision each evening.**

Our prayers may be awkward. Our
attempts may be feeble. But since the
power of prayer is in the One who
hears it and not in the one who says
it, our prayers do make a difference.

Lenten Prayer Evenings

To help prepare for Easter Clane and
Rathcoffey Parish are offering short peri-
ods of Guided Prayer and Meditation on
Wednesday in Clane Parish Church at
7.15pm on the 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th of
March and 1st of April.

These prayer periods create a 'sacred space'
for you to open your heart to the Word of
God and help you to celebrate God's great
love for us.

All are very welcome.

THE FOLLOWING, FROM THE IRISH BISHOPS'
CONFERENCE, ARE SUGGESTIONS FOR
FULFILLING FRIDAY PENANCE:

Abstain from meat or some other food; Abstain
from alcoholic drink or smoking; Make a special
effort to pray together as a family; Participate
in Mass; Visit the Blessed Sacrament; Make the
Stations of the Cross; Fast from all food for a
longer period than usual and give what is saved
to the needy; Help 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

Prosperous Dramatic Society are delighted to
announce that auditions for Drama At Inish
directed by Zita McGarry Kelly will be held on
Sunday March 1st in Prosperous Theatre
from 6-9pm. All welcome!

**Rathcoffey History Group Talk - Farming
in Clongowes in the Early Days - John
O'Dea (Farm Manager) in Rathcoffey
GAA on Tuesday 10 March @ 8 pm.
Admission Free . All welcome. Further
information 0872239410 Mairead**

The Evergreens would like to thank
all those who supported their
Pancake Day on Tuesday 25th
February. They raised €220 and are
grateful for all the support.

Jesus, our Saviour, in Lent
you invite us to a time of solitude
and prayer; you invite us into the
desert to find you;
you invite us to reject the bread that
does not lead to eternal life; y
ou invite us to worship you in spirit
and in truth.

**Pro Life talk - Speakers: Carol Nolan
and Michael Dwyer from Family &
Life. Thursday March 5th at 7:30pm
at Portlaoise Parish Centre in the
campur room. All welcome!**

Parish Safeguarding Representatives
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Clane Parish Shop

Saturday 7th March
Darragh O'Brien

Clane Altar Society

Breda Connolly, Eileen
Duffy, Mamie & Frances

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

Basket € 1308.47
Envelopes € 1224.71

Clane Musical and Dramatic Society proudly
present their 2020 production of The Sound Of
Music. Running from 31st March - 4th April,
doors open at 7pm, show starts at 7:30pm night,
Matinée on 4th April doors open at 2pm, show
start at 2:30pm. Tickets are €15 on 31st March,
€18 on 1st - 4th of April (including matinée),
they are available from Marrons Pharmacy or
Anne Noonan on (087) 689 7376.

Friday 6th March, Manzors will play host for a
fun filled table quiz for Clane Musical and Dra-
matic Society. The event will kick off at 8pm
and teams of 4 are €40 per table. Join them for
a wonderful night of knowledge and fun and a
great way to catch up with friends old and
new! All Welcome!

Roar For Ruairi

Ruairi McDonnell is a fun loving six year old
boy from Clane where he lives with his
parents Martin and Ruth and two young
brothers. Ruairi was diagnosed last October
with a very rare degenerative and life limiting
neurological condition affecting his sight,
hearing and muscle control.

A fundraising appeal was launched
recently with the full support of Clane and
Rathcoffey GAA Clubs, our schools and parish.
All support is very much
appreciated at gofundme.com/roar-for-ruairi

Confirmation 2020

We are looking forward to our parish
Confirmation ceremonies in
Rathcoffey and Clane on the
26th and 27th March 2020

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