

**Our Faithful Departed... Michael Slevin, Derth, Australia, late of Blackhall**  
**...may he rest in peace, Amen**

# Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Newsletter

**Clane Church, 1884 – 2024**

**Rathcoffey Church, 1710 – 2024**

**Third Sunday Of Advent**

**15th December 2024**

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**Parish Charity Number 20015848**

Love while You can, walk while You can, Love not judgement

<u>Clane</u>		<u>Masses for the Week</u>
Saturday 14th Dec	6.30pm	Seamus & Lily Moore, Patrick & Mary Moore, Jean Fortune, Thomas & Elizabeth Ryan, Brigid Smullen, Denis Meehan, Louise Fall, Donal Doolan, Jack & John Doran, Paddy Mallon, Kieran Mallon, Andrew, Ann & Billy Dunne and Deceased Family Members, Edward, Julia & Sonny Mahony and Deceased Family Members, Deceased Members of The Mitchell Family, Ellen Staines, Kathleen Farrell & Deceased Members of The Farrell & Flynn Families, Jean Malone (Birth Rem), Mary Spelman
Sunday 15th Dec	9.30am	Hilda Ferguson (Months Mind), Brendan Malone (Months Mind), Fr. Tom Fennell, Denis Meagher, Philomena Mellon
	11.30am	James Foley, Mary O'Brien, Jack Breslin, Austin O'Flaherty Nicholas & Mary Keary, Dermot J. Keary, Sr. Mary Keary, Seamus Morrissey, Peggy & Christy Maguire, Joe Higgins, Louis D. Souza, Jack Breslin, Peter Pinto, Natalia Pinto
Tuesday 17th Dec	10.00am	Aidan Brown, Malachi & Catherine Dempsey Evergreens Members Past and Present and Their Families
Wed 18th Dec	10.00am	Morning Prayer
Thursday 19th Dec	10.00am	Tony Carr, Del & Kathleen Weld, Tony Mallon
Friday 20th Dec	10.00am	
Saturday 21st Dec	6.30pm	Austin Daly, Brigid Smullen, Philomena & Nan McCormack, Deceased Members of The McCormack Family
Sunday 22nd Dec	9.30am	Liam & Elizabeth Brennan, Pat & James Fitzgerald, Michelle & Caoimhin Heffernan
	11.30am	Dan & Maura Kerr
<b><u>Rathcoffey</u></b>		
Sunday 15th Dec	10.30am	Bridget Muldoon (Months Mind), John Dunne
Sunday 22nd Dec	10.30am	Luke O'Hara (Months Mind), Margaret Jennings, Annie (Cis) Dreelan

	Sat 21st 6.30 pm	Sunday 22nd 9.30am	Sunday 22nd 11.30am	Sunday 22nd 10.30am
	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Patricia O'Neill Peter O'Neill Teresa Grace Anne Behan	Katherine Martin Margaret McDonald Shirley O'Keefe James Plunkett	Anna Wolfe Tony McKenna Magdalena Tafelska Beata Mitus	Siobhán McCrystal Brendan Travers
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Deirdre Reid Rebecca O'Toole	Noeleen Conboy Fionnuala White	Breda Vizzard Aileen Cahill	Declan Forde
<b>Basket Collectors (December)</b>	Joe Horan	Darragh O'Brien Paddy Moore Jonathan McCann	P. J. Sheridan	

**Parish Contacts**  
**Fr. Paul O'Boyle P.P.**  
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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  
**Phone: 045-861393**  
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**and on churchservices TV**  
**[www.facebook.com/ClaneParishPage/](http://www.facebook.com/ClaneParishPage/)**

## Goudate/Rejoying Sunday

### Parish Carols

A Welcome to All our Parish Choirs and Friends for today Carol Service in Clane Parish Church at 6pm. Donations welcome at the door to our Parish Benevolent Fund which helps families and individuals at times of exceptional need.

### Crib Exhibition

Special thanks to Aine Egan for displaying her collection of over 100 Christmas Cribes from all over the World at Masses in Clane this weekend.



## PARISH LOTTO DRAW

Sponsored by  
Sherry FitzGerald Reilly, Clane  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**8, 13, 18, 25**

No Winner of this week's Jackpot

**3 x €50 Winners**

Reg Kelly, John Duffy,  
Noleen McCreevy

**Promoters Draw**

**2 x €50 prize winners**

Benevolent Fund, Cathal Cullen

**Next week's Jackpot:**

**€ 10,400**

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

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

**Feastdays during the week**  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> - St Flannan, Co. Clare  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - St Fachanan, Co. Galway

**Thought for the Week**  
God's first language is silence.

### Christmas Ceremonies

Special sheets are available in both Churches  
outlining our Christmas Mass times in both  
Clane & Rathcoffey.

### Penance Service

Our Parish Penance Service will take  
place on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
at 7pm in Clane Church.

General Absolution will take place  
during the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses  
on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.**

All are welcome.

### Clane Union Of Parishes CAKE SALE

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December** 10am-12.30pm

Clane Parish Centre.

Cakes, Biscuits, Tarts, Jams,  
Bread and Gluten Free Goods.

### Parish Carol Services - December 2024

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Clane Church 6pm - All Parish Choirs

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

Clane Church – Scoil Phadraig (Boys), 7pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Clane Church – Scoil Mhuire Students at 12.30pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Clane Church – Scoil Mhuire Students at 12.30pm

7.30pm Scoil Mhuire Concert in aid of School

Breakfast Club. (More details are below)

**A Welcome To All!**

**The Scoil Mhuire Annual Christmas  
Carol Service** in aid of the School's  
Breakfast Club will be held  
on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** in the  
Parish Church. Doors from 7pm and concert  
will begin at 7.30pm.  
Tickets 5 euro for students and  
pensioners and 10 euro for adults.  
All Are Welcome!

**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 Altar Society

Ann Fadden  
Fionnuala Conroy

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

Basket	€ 1,195.59
Envelopes	€ 1,098.50
Tap&Go Nov	€ 415

### A Christmas Carol

directed by Cyrena Hayes

**Prosperous Dramatic Society Panto 2024**

DATES: 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> of December

@ 1.30pm and 5pm

TICKETS:

<http://prosperousdrama.eventbrite.com/>

Prosperous theatre (beside the church)

### A Prayer before the Crib

God, our Father,

as we look upon this crib, we thank you  
for all who are part of the Christmas story  
and our story, too. We thank you for the  
gift of Jesus, your Son, who was born like  
us, lived like us, struggled like us, and who  
has shown us how to be fully human; to  
our lives, he brings joy and peace, justice,  
mercy and love. May this crib be a beacon  
of hope for us and for the whole world as  
we face the coming days with courage  
and renewed strength. May the star of  
Bethlehem which shone brightly over the  
first crib stand guard over our home,  
filling it and all the earth with light and  
peace. And may we know, believe and  
share the Christmas message of  
Emmanuel, God is with us. Amen.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the  
beginning, is now and ever shall be, world  
without end.  
Amen.

**Join Clane Camogie's Winning Team!**  
Clane Camogie is on the rise! After an incredible  
victory in the Intermediate County Final, our newly  
promoted Senior Camogie team is ready to take on  
the next challenge—and we need *you* to help us get  
there.

We are seeking a Manager and Coaches who are:

- > Passionate about camogie
- > Enthusiastic about guiding players to reach their full potential
- > Committed to achieving success at senior level

This is your chance to be part of an ambitious team  
with a winning spirit.

If this challenge interests you, please contact us  
at: [secretary.clane.kildare@camogie.ie](mailto:secretary.clane.kildare@camogie.ie)  
or 087 418 1269.

### Freedom & Happiness

Human beings were not created for  
slavery, but to be the Lords of creation.  
This is explicitly stated in the Book of  
Genesis. We were not created to lead drab,  
narrow, or constricted lives, but to live in the  
wid-open spaces. We find confinement  
unbearable, simply because we were created in  
the image of God, and we have within us an  
anquenchable need for the absolute and the  
infinite. That is our greatness and sometimes  
our misfortune.

If any adult has put in a Santa Wish for a new  
bike please consider donating alone to 3 of  
families with teenagers who need bikes.  
Thank you. Contact Sheila 086-373 8548

**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

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[WWW.CLANEPARISH.COM](http://WWW.CLANEPARISH.COM)  
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