

**Our Faithful Departed...**

**John Behan, Painstown, Donadea**  
**David Hussey, Hodgestown, Donadea**  
**Mary Rose Weld (née Herbert), Robertstown**  
 ...may they rest in peace, Amen

# Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Newsletter

Clane Church, 1884 – 2025

Rathcoffey Church, 1710 – 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th February 2025

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

**Clane**

**Masses for the Week**

Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> Febr	6.30pm	Michael Walsh, Jimmy & Anne McDonald, Kevin & Kathleen O'Neill, Sean Cribben, Larry Connolly, Peter McCreery, Judy McCarthy, Agnes Wright & Lily, Shane & Cian, Rose Tallon (Birth Rem)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Febr	9.30am	Andy Fitzgerald, Christina Fay, Michael Sullivan
	11.30am	Noel Maretens, Aidan Egan Jnr., Lee O'Donoghue, Judy McCarthy, Maureen Wade & her daughter Marie Wade– Brennan, James Early
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Febr	10.00am	Lee O'Donoghue
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Febr	10.00am	Morning Prayer
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Febr	10.00am	People of The Parish
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Febr	10.00am	Molly & Henry Manders, Harry Manders, Michael Manders, Jean Comerford (née Manders), Betty Murphy (née Manders)
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Febr	6.30pm	Mary Langan, Elizabeth Frances Bardon, Margaret Slevin, Mark Hayes, Jackie Sharnie, Margaret Leydon
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Febr	9.30am	Andy Fitzgerald
	11.30am	Baby Charlie Morley-Kavanagh, Richard & Katheleen Wright

**Rathcoffey**

Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Febr	10.30am	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Febr	10.30am	Teresa Galvin (1st anniv), Aisling Moloney, Molly, Paddy & Declan Sweeney, James & Irene Curran

	Sat 22nd 6.30 pm	Sunday 23rd 9.30am	Sunday 23rd 11.30am	Sunday 23rd 10.30am
	Clane	Clane	Clane	Rathcoffey
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Tom Cleary Diarmuid Coonan Bernie Corbett Marie Cribbin	Marie Wells Sheila Briody Matthew Cribbin Cait Cullen	Alice Corbett Yvonne Darragh Teresa Fadden Laura Duffy	Jenny Behan Alvagh Cronin
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Michelle Kelleher Jean Ui Bhroin	Ger Perdissatt Sheila Briody	Vanitha D Souza Maura o'Neill	Donal Travers
<b>Basket Collectors (February)</b>	Joe Horan	Darragh O'Brien Paddy Moore Jonathan McCann	P.J. Sheridan	

**Parish Contacts**

**Fr. Paul O'Boyle P.P.**  
 Prosperous Road, Clane  
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**Weekend Mass Times**

<b>Clane</b>	
Saturday	6.30pm
Sunday	9.30am
	11.30am
<b>Rathcoffey</b>	
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](mailto:claneparish@eircom.net)**

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

**WebCam/Live Streaming**

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

**and on churchservices TV**

**[www.facebook.com/ClaneParishPage/](http://www.facebook.com/ClaneParishPage/)**

**Friendship**

When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives mean the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving much advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a gentle and tender hand.

The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not-knowing, not-curing, not-healing and face, with us, the reality of our powerlessness; that is the friend who cares...

## PARISH LOTTO DRAW

Sponsored by  
Sherry FitzGerald Reilly, Clane  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**8, 12, 20, 29,**

No winner of Jackpot

**3 x €50 Winners**

Alex & Grace, Rose Langan  
Dominic O'Neill

**Promoters Draw**

**2 x €50 prize winners**

Kathleen Browne, Marion Flood

**Next week's Jackpot:**

**€ 3,000**

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**  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Fintan, Laois  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> - St Peter Damian  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> - The Chair of St. Peter

**Thought for the Week**  
Kindness has a long memory.

### Rome, Assisi and Siena 2025

A Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Pilgrimage led  
by Fr. Paul O'Boyle will visit Rome, Assisi  
and Siena from March 31<sup>st</sup>—April 7<sup>th</sup> 2025.

Visiting the Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica,  
Catacombs, Assisi and Siena.

Brochures available in the Parish Office  
and Bookings through Marian  
Pilgrimages, Dublin at (01)87 88 159.

### Confirmation 2025

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Clane  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Rathcoffey  
We are looking forward to our  
Confirmation retreat time in  
preparation for our Confirmation  
Ceremonies.

### Confirmation Pledge Mass

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Clane 9.30am  
and Rathcoffey 10.30am  
A welcome to our young people.

Today is a time to be grateful  
for all God has done in our lives...  
And a time to remember  
not to take anything for granted.  
Not a single gift or any person  
or even one moment in time for

### Holy Rosary

Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 3pm  
at The Abbey. All Welcome!

### Sallins Pilgrimage to Lourdes

28 June—5 July 2025  
4\* Hotel Padoue, €1,142pps  
For more information contact:  
Rita Fanning : 087-6535 112

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

Rose Langan  
Margaret Lee

Many thanks to those who  
contributed,  
and those who  
collected and counted  
Basket € 1,212.82  
Envelopes € 628.70

**The Bible** is a theological reflection on the  
history of the Israelites. One misses the  
whole point if he/she tries to read it in a  
literal way. The Bible is neither a history  
book nor a science book. It is in a different  
domain to science or history. It is theology.  
In other words, it is about God.

### St. Valentine's Day

Valentine was a Priest who lived and  
worked in Rome in the 3rd Century A.D.  
The Roman Emperor at the time, Claudius,  
forbade young men to marry because he  
believed that single men made better  
soldiers.

Valentine however, was more concerned  
about the care of the person.  
So he secretly married young couples.  
Unfortunately, Valentine's caring and  
generous spirit resulted in his arrest.  
Legend holds that during his imprisonment,  
Valentine sent messages to remind each of  
them how much he loved and cared about  
each of them. Whilst in prison Valentine  
experienced much torture and was later  
put to death.

In honour of this brave and loving person,  
people remember and honour Valentine by  
sending cards and gifts, expressions of our  
deep love for those near and dear to us.

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

### The Building Hope Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise. You  
constantly journey with us even in our darkness  
and doubts. We seek your way of loving kindness  
to walk together as one family. Open our eyes to  
recognise you in the faces of one another, in the  
breaking of bread and in the splendour of  
creation. May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope  
and new life deep within us. May our hearts and  
minds be filled with your Word, bringing forth  
truth, justice and peace. May the Holy Spirit  
working in and through us do much more than  
we can dare to imagine as we live out our  
baptismal calling in humble and loving service.  
We make this our prayer through Christ Our  
Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.  
St Brigid, pray for us. St Lazerian, pray for us.  
St Conleth, pray for us.

Tickets (numbered seats) for **Clane Musical  
& Dramatic Society's production of  
Sister Act** (31<sup>st</sup> March to 5<sup>th</sup> April)  
are now on sale through the online link  
[https://buytickets.at/  
clanemusicaldramaticsociety/1582917](https://buytickets.at/clanemusicaldramaticsociety/1582917)  
Book now to avoid disappointment.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend 28-30 March**  
Restore, Renew, Rekindle.  
We welcome you to our next Marriage  
Enrichment Weekend Friday 28<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> March  
Venue: Knock, Co. Mayo  
[www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

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)