

**Rathdowney Parish Newsletter**

**7th & 8th September 2019**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Parish Office: 0505-46282.**

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**Rathdowney Parish Pastoral Council Members**

**Fr. Martin Delaney 086 2444594**

**Sr. Alice Dempsey 087 4186839**

**Assumpta Casey Helen Campion Josephine Campion  
Fran Doyle Liam Doyle Maureen Guilfoyle Mary O’Dea  
Oliver Kennedy Mary Nolan Josephine Ryan**

**Parish Collections**

**Rathdowney € 254**

**Errill € 90**

**Envelopes € 990**

**Total €1,334**

**Parish Office Opening Hours**

**Tues. & Wed. 9.30 – 2 pm**

**Thursday - 1 - 5 pm**

**Friday - 12.30 - 2pm**

**SAFEGUARDING**

Designated Liaison Person

Mr Cathal Cullen—087 100 0232 / [dlp@ossory.ie](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

Gardaí 1800 555 222

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**Parish Representatives - Helen Campion & John Casey**

**Changing Times**

This week we have said farewell to **John Gunnell** who has been Principal of Scoil Bhríde for the last twelve years. John has been an excellent Principal and greatly respected by students teaching colleagues and parents. We are very sorry to see him go but we wish him every happiness and success in his new school in Nenagh. The Principal of our other primary school, St. Colmcille’s in Errill has also announced his retirement after twenty one years. **Tony Lawler** has also been a wonderful leader and influence in the lives of generations of pupils. Tony will remain in his post until early November and we have begun the task of finding a new Principal. Things tend to happen in threes! Last week **Sr. Alice** indicated that the time has come for her to leave Rathdowney. Alice has been our Parish Sister for six years and in that time her gentle presence has endeared her to so many in our community. Alice will be leaving at the end of September.

**Can You Help?**

Some residents of the Commercial Inn are seeking help attending courses in Portlaoise and Abbeyleix. If you could offer a lift to two people to Portlaoise or one person to Abbeyleix daily in September please contact 086 192 7791

**St Vincent DePaul**

Collection will take place on the weekend of 14th & 15th of September after all Masses. Your support is most welcome.

**Rathdowney GAA Lotto**

There was no winner in this weeks jackpot which was €12,550. The numbers drawn were 7, 14, 16, 17. The 10 winners of €15 were Ian Maher, Niall Delaney, ML Dowling, Margaret Hennessey, Jer Peters, Grainne Aylward, Louise Kirwan, Anne Callaghan, John Finn, N&S Meagher. Next weeks jackpot will be €12,700. Tickets can be purchased in all shops or from any local promoter.

**Errill GAA Lotto**

Result for Monday 2nd September. Numbers drawn were 22-23-26-30. No jackpot Winner. No match threes. 5 X€20 - Pat Lalor, Clonmeen; Caroline Keane, Errill; Noel O’Loughlin, Rathdowney; Felicity Deegan, Rathdowney; Bourke Family, Clonmeen. Next week’s jackpot €8,650.

**Clothing Collection**

Scoil Bhríde Parents Association annual clothing collection is on 27th September. Clothes can be dropped into the school from 830am on Monday 23rd September. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Adoration of the**

**Blessed Sacrament**

Will recommence in Errill Church on Friday 13th from 10am to 12 noon.

There will also now be Adoration in Rathdowney Church from Thursday 19th September 2-4pm

**Ploughing Championship**

There will be a bus leaving the Square in Rathdowney at 840am on Tuesday 17th September. Phone Aidan on 086-314 8197

**Dates for your Diary**

17th October

**‘Cooking With The Stars’**

An evening of cooking and more with Edward Hayden of Virgin Media fame and his able assistants Daniel and Majella O’Donnell. Manor Hotel Abbeyleix

**Annual Christmas Concert**

Starring Michael English will take place on Sunday 15th Dec. More details later.

**Rathdowney:**

**Sat 12 Noon: Maura Sheedy, Months Mind**

**Sat 7.30 pm: Sydney Kinsella, Johnstown Glebe**

**Anton Giltrap, The Conoboro**

**Sunday 11am: Andy (Months Mind) & Peg Bergin, Kilcoran**

**John Loughlin, Moore St.**

**Tues to Fri: Mass at 9 am**

**Errill:**

**Sunday 10am: Trishia Button (nee Keane)**

**& Mary Edwards (nee Keane) Castlefleming**

**Friday: Mass at 930am, followed by Adoration until 12noon**

**Anniversaries:**

**Jacky & Mary Kennedy, Templederry**

**Jimmie Maher, Moore St**

**Masses Next Weekend**

**Rathdowney:**

**Sat 7.30 pm: Catherine Treacy, Quigley Park**

**John & Margaret Mulrooney**

**Sunday 11am: Kathleen Campion & Eileen Broderick, Kyle**

**Errill:**

**Sunday 10am: Joe Davy, Knockardgannon**

**Bobby McGrath**

We welcome into our Parish Community

**Mia Jane Fitzpatrick**

who are being baptised this week

