

Rathdowney Parish Newsletter
21st/22nd March 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Parish Office: 0505-46282.
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Fr. Martin Delaney 086 2444594

Saturday 8.30pm

Patrick & Maureen Bergin, Lismouragha

Sunday 11am

Joe Bolger, Months Mind

Theresa Delaney, Coolkerry

Masses During the Week - Available on Webcam

Rathdowney

Monday to Friday: 10am

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday 8.30pm

PJ Costigan, Coolkerry

Kieran O'Dea, Level Meadows

Angela Tighe, Kylemelawn

Sunday 11am

Kathleen Carroll, Kilbreedy

Kay Doran, Rapla

Ellen Campion, Ballybuggy

Recent Deaths:

Pat O'Reagan, Errill Village

Ann Marie Bowden, Village View;

Jim Rafter, Clonmeen

Sheila Gannon, Johnstown Glebe

Mary & Margaret Bannon, Errill

Anniversaries:

Thomas Byrne, Ballybuggy;

John & Mary Holohan, Middlemount

Theme for Next Weekend's Mass Readings

The real focus of the Gospel concerns belief. The text challenges us to think about the words of Jesus "I am the resurrection" Do you believe this? That's the question that is put to each one of us. Do you believe that Jesus, who raised Lazarus from death two thousand years ago, will raise you also from death?

Parish Collection

You may drop your weekly envelope to the Parish Office at any time
Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Parish Office Opening Hours

Closed Monday

Tuesday to Friday

10am to 1 pm

GAA Lotto Results

Rathdowney

Lotto suspended

Errill

Monday 16th March

Numbers drawn were. 8-12-21-23

No jackpot Winner

Two match three

Tom Carroll Johnstown Glebe

Tadgh Barry Barney Lane

Jackpot €12,650

Next Draw to be Confirmed

We welcome into our
Parish Community
Leonardo Dugac
who is being baptised this week



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Will continue in Rathdowney Church on
Thursday from 2 - 4 pm and in
Errill Church on Friday from 10 am until
12 noon

SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person

Mr Cathal Cullen—087 100 0232 / dlp@ossory.ie

Gardaí 1800 555 222

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Parish Representatives - Helen Campion & John Casey

Our Parish Arrangements

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Covid-19 outbreak, Bishop Dermot Farrell has instructed that no public Masses be held for the foreseeable future. Exceptions for now, will be made for funerals and weddings which will be restricted to immediate family members only.

Weekend Masses on Saturday evening at 8.30 and Sunday morning at 11 am as well as weekday Masses (Monday to Friday at 10 am) will be available via webcam which can be accessed at www.rathdowneyparish.ie

If you are having difficulties with webcam freezing etc, it may be better if you try access on a smartphone using mobile data as our broadband connections are increasingly busy.

Fr Martin will lead a short prayer service each evening Monday to Friday at 6 pm e.g. Rosary, Stations of the Cross which can also be accessed via webcam.

Prayer of Pope Francis

Heavenly Father,

we thank you for the gift of good health and peace that we have enjoyed for so many years. As we find ourselves in this time of crisis today, we ask for your divine intervention and mercy to be upon each of us.

Come and guide the minds of those working to discover a treatment to the COVID-19 virus. Grant them wisdom, knowledge, and clarity of mind, so that all peoples will be free from the threat of this ailment.

We also pray for the healthcare workers that are standing in the front line of this battle. Father, we thank you for their hearts of service, putting the needs of society before their own, generously responding to the cry of Your people. We ask that You will grant them strength and protection. As they give of themselves in selfless service, may You fill them with your Holy Spirit as they work to be Your healing hands and feet!

Father, we also surrender to You all those who have been afflicted with the virus. Grant them Your healing grace, merciful Father, so that they may recover swiftly and continue to be witnesses of Your love in their lives.

Mother Mary, we ask for your intercession in this great time of need. Cover each of us with your blue mantle of protection, so that we may be preserved in good health to continue to glorify your son, Jesus Christ.

We make this prayer through Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.