

Rathdowney 28th / 29th March 2020
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Parish Office: 0505-46282.
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Fr. Martin Delaney 086 2444594
Sr. Alice Dempsey 087 4186839

Saturday 8.30pm

PJ Costigan, Coolkerry
Kieran O'Dea, Level Meadows
Angela Tighe, Kylemelawn

Sunday 11am

Kathleen Carroll, Kilbreedy 1st Anniversary
Kay Doran, Rapla

Masses During the Week - Available on Webcam

Rathdowney

Monday to Friday: 10am

Thursday: Nicholas Carney, his mother Nora, father Edward & all deceased relatives.

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.

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday 8.30pm

Sunday 11am

Nora Ryan, Ossory Terrace
Terry Smeaton, Church Street
Mary Tompkins (nee Mullins)

Recent Deaths:

Joe White, Rapla
Terry Cord, nee Ryan who died in England
Billy Costigan, Templemore
Mary Whelan, Ballyedmond

Anniversaries:

Mary Edwards (nee Keane) Castlefleming

Parish Collection
Weekend 21st / 22nd March
€1009

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

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Draw

The draw has been suspended and will commence as soon as possible.

Weekly Concert

Rathdowney Parish are having a weekly lunchtime concert, broadcast via our webcam from the Parish Church at 1 pm each Tuesday, commencing next Tuesday 31st March with local man Paul O'Brien member of The High Kings followed the following Tuesday by Martin Delaney

This concert features local artists who will entertain us for a short 15 to 20 minute period with music and singing of their choice.

Any local artists who want to be part of this series can contact the Parish Office on 0505 46282 10 am to 1 pm daily.

Don't forget to put your clock on an hour on Saturday Night

Theme for Next Weekend's Mass Readings - Palm Sunday

Today's Mass is dominated by reading of the Passion - that is the Gospel narrative of the Lord's capture, sufferings and death. The passion, death and resurrection of the Lord are a constant reminder that if we wish to share in the glory of the risen Saviour, we must first work to resemble him in humility, meekness and self-denial.

SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person
Mr Cathal Cullen—087 100 0232 / dlp@ossory.ie
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Parish Representatives - Helen Campion & John Casey

Our Parish Arrangements

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.

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

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.