

Rathdowney Parish Newsletter  
9th / 10th May 2020  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
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**Saturday 8.30 pm**

Mary Behan, Graigueavalla

**Sunday 11 am**

Peggy Delaney, Cappalinan

Mary Finane, Knockiel

George Finane, Ballycoolid

**Masses During the Week**

Monday to Friday 10 am Mass

Every Day: Rosary at 5.30pm

Friday 9pm: An Hour with Mary

**Masses Next Weekend**

**Saturday 8.30pm**

Michael O'Sullivan, Main Street

**Sunday 11 am:**

Martin Bergin, Donaghmore 1st Anniversary

Margaret & Martin Finn, Conoboro Road

Kieran & Catherine Mullins,

their sons Richard and Michael & daughters Mary & Breda.

**Recent Death:**

Dave Morrissey, Cuan Bhride

**Anniversaries:**

Joseph Dowling

Jack Whelan, Ballyedmond

Joe Campion, Mooreville

Michael O'Sullivan

**Website Videos**

An updated version of our Congregation Video is available on the website [www.rathdowneyparish.ie](http://www.rathdowneyparish.ie).

We will update it again next week with the new photographs we have received since last week.

**Our Churches are opening again**

As we begin the process of returning to some kind of normality in these days both of our churches in Rathdowney and Errill will reopen in the coming week. It is unlikely that we will be able to have weekend or daily masses until later in the summer but the churches will be open for daily personal prayer and to light a candle if you wish. One of our major concerns here is being able to keep the churches sanitised and infection free. Therefore only a small area at the front section of both churches will be open for seating. The accessible areas of both churches will be cleaned and sanitised each evening. When visiting the churches please also observe the social distance guidelines which still apply across the country. Entrance to both churches will be through the side door on the right of both buildings only and exit through the side door on the left of both buildings only. On entering the church please observe the signs pointing out the designated accessible areas.

Thank you for your cooperation

Fr. Martin

**Weekly Concert**

Rathdowney Parish are having a weekly lunchtime concert, broadcast via our webcam from the Parish Church at 1 pm each Tuesday.

Carmel Minogue will entertain us this week

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



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**Theme for Next Weekends Readings**

The early Christians were aware of the uniqueness of the Gospel and the new converts accepted it in its entirety. So, when Philip, the deacon, brought the Gospel to the people in Samaria, they accepted it.

We too must be faithful to the full Gospel.

**First Reading:** The fact that Philip went to a Samaritan town instead of the country districts of Judea, or to Galilee, and that the people there welcomed him implied that Jesus ministered there. Though Jews and Samaritans hated each other, the fact that Jesus ministered to them shows that he was tolerant and inclusive.

**Second Reading:** The reason for our Christian hope is that it gives us the promise of eternal happiness if we live by Gospel values, and in our suffering, it will help us to draw strength from the fact that Christ has suffered for our salvation.

**Gospel:** The Advocate enables us to view things clearly and objectively. When we feel overconfident that our opinion is absolutely correct, the Advocate enable sus to consider the case impartially and realise that there are two sides to every story and being overconfident is unreasonable.