

Rathdowney Parish Newsletter
16th / 17th May 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter
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Saturday 8.30 pm

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 & Breeda.

Masses During the Week

Mon 10 am Mass

Tues 10 am Mass: Mary Dunne, Moore St
& Sarah Redmond, Tullow

Wed to Fri: 10am Mass

Every Day: Rosary at 5.30pm

Friday 9pm: A Holy Hour with Prayer of Intercession

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday 8.30pm

Thomas O'Brien

Edward Lowry, Cappalinnan

Sunday 11 am:

Kieran Phelan, Donaghmore

Bridie Daly, High Street

Jack & Nellie Williams, Grogan

Recent Death:

Ann O'Connor, nee Kearns, Green St Roscrea & Sheffield

Paddy Gaffney, Ballagh

Liam (Billy) Lupton, Coolkerry

Áine Hetherington-Hegarty, Portlaoise & Harristown

Weekly Concert

The Creagh Family will entertain us this week at our concert
on Tuesday at 1 pm

available on the website www.rathdowneyparish.ie

Or

www.parishwebsites.ie/rathdowney

New facility for paying Parish and Priest Contributions

Many charities and Church communities have seen a dramatic drop off in their contributions during these months of Covid-19 related restrictions. It seems unlikely that we will be able to have regular public celebrations of Mass for some months and even then, the restrictions posed by social distancing will limit the number of people in our churches to about 25% of their capacity. I want to express again my gratitude to so many of our parishioners who have continued to contribute to both our weekly parish collection and the Lenten and Easter Offerings which go to pay my salary. This week we have installed on our website (www.rathdowneyparish.ie) a facility which will allow parishioners to pay their parish and priest related contributions directly without using cash or envelopes. The process is very secure, straightforward, and hopefully simple to use. It allows you to pay a once off amount or a weekly/monthly contribution indicating which collection you are contributing to. For those holding parish envelopes it is important that you include the number of your envelope when making a payment. This allows us to issue you with a receipt and record your contribution for the Charity Cash Back scheme.

From time to time I am asked by people from outside the parish, or parishioners who have not received envelopes, about contributing to the parish. This facility will allow anyone who wishes to make a contribution to do so in a simple and safe manner. When booking an anniversary or months mind mass or indeed any other situation which involves a payment or contribution you can now use the donate button on the website.

I really hope you will consider using this new facility and if you have any questions about how it works feel free to call me or the Parish Office. The Office is not officially opened during this time, but Darina or Maureen are there for a period of time on most weekdays. Thank you for all your support of the parish and me personally during these most challenging days for everyone.

Fr. Martin

A Holy Hour with Prayer of intercession.

On Friday 22nd of May there will be an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament broadcast on our webcam. This will be a time for prayer of intercession. If anyone has any particular intentions that you would like me to pray for during that hour of prayer, please drop them to me at the parish office or send me a text on 0862444594 or email delaneymartindl@gmail.com. Please indicate if you would like me to mention the intention publicly in the prayer or just keep it silent.

Fr. Martin

Irish Blood Transfusion Services

Due to Covid-19 there will be no clinic in Rathdowney at this time but instead it will be in the Killeshin Hotel from Monday 25th May to Thursday 28th May. To ensure Social Distancing Regulations, all previous blood donors will receive a text message asking them to travel to Portlaoise to donate by appointment only.

The new system puts the health of donors and staff first.

As many donors as possible are encouraged to attend despite the great travel inconvenience.