

Rathdowney Parish Newsletter  
30th / 31st May 2020  
Pentecost Sunday  
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**Saturday 8.30pm**

Bill Gorman, Errill

**Sunday 11 am:**

Billy & Ciss Bowe, Moore Street

**Masses During the Week**

Mon 10 am: Jack Jordan, Coolrain

Tuesday 10 am: Richard Gilford, England

Wed to Friday 10 am

Mon to Friday: Rosary at 5.30pm

**Masses Next Weekend**

**Saturday 8.30 pm:**

Months Mind for Paddy Gaffney

**Sunday 11 am:**

First Communion Children

**Recent Death**

Anne Marie Grogan, Ballysimon, Limerick,

**Anniversaries:**

Peter and Martin Whelan, Ballyedmond

John Quigley, Main Street

Ted Carroll, Glosa

Joe & Margaret Peters, Harristown and their son Michael  
(Co. Mayo)

The Loughman Family, Harristown.

**A Time for Reflection**

Noeline Delahunty from Cullahill will lead a short time of reflection and prayer on Thursday evening next, June 4th at 8pm from Rathdowney Church. You are welcome to participate via the webcam.

**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](http://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*

**Cemetery Masses 2020**

Our first cemetery Mass **without a congregation** will be from Bealady Cemetery on Friday next, June 5th at 7pm. The Mass will be accessible on our Parish Website([www.rathdowneyparish.ie](http://www.rathdowneyparish.ie)) and NOT on the webcam. You will need to click on the Main Picture of the website which will link you to the mass. Do not try to log on until 6.45 pm as the mass will not be available until then.

The Mass from the Local Cemetery in Rathdowney will be broadcast on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of June and from Errill Cemetery on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of June at 7pm I encourage families who would normally travel to be together to gather around the grave of a loved one, to plan tuning in to the masses on each evening.

**Trocaire Boxes**

Anyone who wishes to , can leave their Trocaire Boxes into the Parish Office and we will arrange to have the money donated directly to Trocaire.

**Weekly Concert**

The Cullinane Family will entertain us this week at our concert on Tuesday at 1 pm available on our website [www.rathdowneyparish.ie](http://www.rathdowneyparish.ie) Or [www.parishwebsites.ie/rathdowney](http://www.parishwebsites.ie/rathdowney)