

Rathdowney Parish Newsletter  
13th/14th June 2020  
Corpus Christi  
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**Saturday 8.30pm**

Peggy Cantwell, Church Street

**Sunday 11 am:**

Frances Nolan, Quigley Park

**Masses During the Week**

**Mon 10 am: James & Clara McCormick, Larne**

Alex Scullion

Anne Dean

**Tuesday 10 am: Diarmuid Fogarty, 1st Anniversary**

**Wednesday 10 am: Bridie Phelan, Ballyedmond**

**Thurs. & Fri: Mass at 10 am**

**Mon to Friday: Rosary at 5.30pm**

**Masses Next Weekend**

**Saturday 8.30 pm:**

Ned & Mary Campion, Bridge View Hse, Donaghmore

Breeda Carroll, Kylemelawn

John, Margaret & Joseph Dowling, Clonmeen

**Sunday 11 am:**

Martin Begadon, The Conoboro

**Recent Death**

**Sr Annunciata Hayes, Thurles and late of Two Mile**

**Weekly Concert**

Fr Bobby Fletcher and friends 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)

**Due to Covid-19 restrictions, St Pauls, who supply our Newsletter pages are unable to continue their services until the end of July. In the interim we will print the Mass Readings on the reverse of this page**

## Planning to Re-open Our Churches for the Public Celebration of Mass.

This past week our Parish Pastoral Council has met to begin planning the reopening of our churches for the public celebration of Mass. The Irish Bishops have issued a Framework Document to guide this process, but each parish has to submit a detailed plan to our bishop outlining how we intend to re-open safely for the public celebration of Mass and other Sacraments.

The First thing we had to determine was how many people can be accommodated while observing the two-metre social distance. **This means that Rathdowney church would only be able to have a maximum of 75 people attend at Mass and in Errill it would about 30-35.** How do we determine who comes to mass? Given that our regular mass attendance pre covid19 was 550 approx. this would mean that for the foreseeable future our regular attendees would be only able to come to mass every month or five weeks.

The parish Council has agreed that anyone wishing to come to mass will have to indicate in advance their intention to do so. We will have a group of ushers at each mass who will greet people at the door and bring them to a designated seat in the church. The Parish Council also agreed that we will only be opening Rathdowney church initially and Errill will open at a later date. This will give us a chance to see how the new system is working and adjust as necessary. Having both masses in Rathdowney for the immediate future means that those who cannot attend physically will have access to both masses on the webcam.

This is going to be a very big challenge and I hope that our parishioners will be patient and understanding as we try welcome back congregations to weekend mass in a safe way. We will keep you updated as the plan is finalised over the next few weeks. If our plan is approved by the bishop we intend to celebrate the first weekday mass on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June and the first weekend masses on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July/Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. As we continue to work on this plan please feel free to contact me or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council for clarification and all helpful suggestions will be very welcome!

*Fr. Martin*

### **Cemetery Masses 2020**

Our next cemetery Mass **without a congregation** will be **from St Kieran's Cemetery, Errill on Friday next, June 19th 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.

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.

# Sunday 14 June 2020

## Corpus Christi

### First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

### Psalm or Canticle

Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

*O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!*

**Or** *Alleluia!*

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates  
he has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command.

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees.

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

### Gospel

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh,  
for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,  
you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood  
has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me  
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,  
myself draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;  
not like the bread our ancestors ate:  
they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'