

Rathdowney Parish Newsletter
6th / 7th June 2020
Trinity Sunday
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Saturday 8.30pm

Paddy Gaffney, Ballagh Months Mind

Sunday 11 am:

Gerry Cleere

Masses During the Week

Mon 10 am: James Geoghegan, Erkina Court

Tuesday 10 am

Wednesday 10 am: Catherine Gorman, Granstown & Deceased members of the Phelan Family, Aghaboe

Thursday 10am: John Cahill, Crosspatrick & Son Monahan, Quigley Park

Friday 10 am

Mon to Friday: Rosary at 5.30pm

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday 8.30 pm:

Peggy Cantwell, Church Street

Sunday 11 am:

Recent Death

Doreen Carroll, Coolkerry

Anniversaries:

Mick Hayes, Knockiel

Mary (Mamo) Doherty, Knockiel

Weekly Concert

Nora Fogarty will entertain us this week at our concert on Tuesday at 1 pm available on our website www.rathdowneyparish.ie Or 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

New facility for paying Parish and Priest Contributions

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. 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.

This facility will also 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. Thank you for all your support of the parish and me personally during these most challenging days for everyone.

Fr. Martin

Noeline Delahunty used this poem in her Evening of Reflection on Thursday

And the People Stayed Home –

Poem by Kathleen O'Meara written in 1869

And the people stayed home.
And read books and listened, and rested and exercised,
and made art and played games,
and learned new ways of being and were still.
And listened more deeply.
Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.
Some met their shadows.
And the people began to think differently.
And the people healed.
And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless and heartless ways the earth began to heal.
And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again,
they grieved their losses, and made new choices,
and dreamed new images,
and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully,
as they had been healed.

Cemetery Masses 2020

Our next cemetery Mass **without a congregation** will be **from The Local Cemetery, Rathdowney on Friday next, June 12th at 7pm.** The Mass will be accessible on our Parish Website(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 Errill Cemetery on Friday 19th 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.

Sunday 7 June 2020

The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading

Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a head-strong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Psalm or Canticle

Daniel 3:52-56

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Blest your glorious holy name.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel

John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

