

Rathdowney Parish Newsletter
11th / 12th July 2020
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Parish Office: 0505-46282.
Email: rathdowney@ossory.ie
Fr. Martin Delaney 086 2444594

Saturday 8.30pm

Bridget McPherson, England & late of Portlaoise

Sunday 11 am:

Elizabeth Stenson & deceased members of the Whelan Family

Frank Carroll, Kylemelawn

Canon Sean Collier

Masses During the Week

Tues 10 am: Gerald & Olga Carroll, Scunthorpe

Wed & Thurs. 10 am:

Friday 10 am: James, Elizabeth, John & Noel Monaghan,
Rathdowney & Dublin.

It is not necessary to reserve for daily Masses

Masses will still be streamed live on our Webcam

Mon to Friday: Rosary at 5.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Rathdowney: Thursday 2 pm to 4 pm

Errill: Friday 10 am to 12 Noon

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday 8.30 pm:

Billy Lupton, Coolkerry Months Mind

Eddie Kelly, Village View

Sunday 11 am:

Angela Kelly, Orla Curry & Martin Brophy.

Jim Somers, Errill

Recent Deaths:

Fergus & Philip Brophy, Late of Portarlinton

Anniversaries:

Stasia White, Coolkerry.

Peg White, Moore Street.

Molly Fitzgerald, Coolkerry & Roscrea

Mary Tynan, Kyleahaw, Errill

Fr John Kenny, Ballykealy

SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person

Mr Cathal Cullen—087 100 0232 / dlp@ossory.ie

Gardaí 1800 555 222

TUSLA – Laois/Offaly 090 648 3106

Parish Representatives - Helen Campion & John Casey

Parish Pastoral Council Members

Assumpta Casey; Helen Campion; Josephine Campion; Fran Doyle; Maureen Guilfoyle; Oliver Kennedy;
Mary Nolan; Mary O'Dea; Josephine Ryan; Fr. Martin Delaney

Parish Covid Response Co-ordinator

Antoinette Holohan

If you have concerns or questions about our Covid Response please contact the Parish Office

Parish Mass Reservations

Contact Carol on 085 142 9343

Monday to Thursday from 10 am to 12 Noon

Proposed schedule for Masses:

Week 3: 18th / 19th July Surnames from H to M

Week 4: 25th/26th July Surnames from N to Z

To be fair to everyone please

make your reservation only in the week preceding the Mass you wish to attend.

Golf Classic

Rathdowney/Errill GAA will hold a Golf Classic in Rathdowney Golf Club on Fri 17th and Sat 18th of July.

Teams of 4 €100. Tee times available from Timmy Williams on (087) 2885249.

All support would be greatly appreciated.

Community Drive-In Bingo

Takes place in the Ossory Show Field at Coolfin on Tuesday 14th at 7 pm

Bring a chair or sit in your car.

Books on sale from 6.15 pm

Weekly Concert

Anne Marie Whelan from Borris-in-Ossory will entertain us at our weekly concert this week
at 1 pm on Tuesday available on our website www.rathdowneyparish.ie

Or www.parishwebsites.ie/rathdowney

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Our Plan for Re-opening our churches for public Mass and the Celebration of the Sacraments

Main Points

1. Observing a two metre social distance, Rathdowney Church can accommodate a maximum of 75-90 people depending on the make-up of the congregation ie. singles, couples household groupings. The capacity in Errill is 35-40 people.
2. The Parish Council has decided to open Rathdowney Church only until we are confident that our plans are working safely. Having both masses in Rathdowney also has the advantage of those who cannot attend being able to participate via the webcam.
3. At any weekend mass a certain number of places will be reserved for families who have booked an anniversary or months-mind mass. A maximum of ten places will be reserved for each of these families.
4. The remainder of the congregation will be decided on an alphabetical basis based on the first letter of a surname, On the first weekend of July 4th/5th the remainder of the congregation will have surnames beginning with A, B or C.
5. **It will be essential that those from a particular alphabetical grouping contact the reservation number in advance of the mass they wish to attend. The dedicated telephone number is 085 142 9343 and reservations can be made with Carol from Monday to Thursday from 10am to 12noon. Please do not come to the church for mass unless you have made contact to reserve a place.**

IF YOU HAVE FEVER AND/OR COUGH OR HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANYONE WHO HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 DURING THE LAST 14 DAYS, YOU SHOULD NOT ATTEND MASS.

6. To assist with any possible contact tracing that may be necessary those wishing to attend mass will be asked to provide contact information when they are reserving a place in the
7. church.
8. An area of the church will be reserved for family groupings who live in the same household but we ask that they contact on the Monday before the mass they wish to attend.
9. We ask that people attending a particular mass arrive at the church at least fifteen minutes before Mass begins. Entrance to the church is through the main front door only. An usher will meet you at the door and they will escort you to a designated place within the church. Please observe the distance markings outside the church.
10. The use of facemasks is highly recommended for all those attending Mass in our churches. Please use the hand-sanitisers at the entrance to the church and also as you exit through the side doors.

All further updates for information on booking, will be available on our website

www.rathdowneyparish.ie

Rathdowney Parish Covid-19 Response Co-ordinator – Antoinette Holohan