

Rathdowney Parish Newsletter  
18th/19th July 2020  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Parish Office: 0505-46282.  
Email: [rathdowney@ossory.ie](mailto:rathdowney@ossory.ie)  
Fr. Martin Delaney 086 2444594

**Saturday 8.30pm**

Billy Lupton, Coolkerry, Months Mind  
Eddie Kelly, Village View

**Sunday 11 am:**

Sonny Bowe Months Mind  
Angela Kelly, Orla Curry & Martin Brophy  
Jim Somers, Errill

**Masses During the Week**

Tues 10 am: Timothy Williams, Knockiel  
Wed & Thurs 10 am:  
Friday 11 am: Funeral Mass for Philip Mockler  
There will be no 10 am Mass on Friday

**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

**Masses Next Weekend**

**Saturday 12 Noon:** Christina Madden, Months Mind

**Saturday 8.30 pm:**

**Sunday 11 am:**

Johnny Bowe, Mooreville  
Mary & Paddy Carroll, The Conoboro  
Agnes Delaney, Graigueavalla

**Recent Deaths:**

Kathleen Henderson, Coolkerry

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Rathdowney: Thursday 2 pm to 4 pm  
Errill: Friday 10 am to 12 Noon

**SAFEGUARDING**

Designated Liaison Person

Mr Cathal Cullen—087 100 0232 / [dlp@ossory.ie](mailto: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 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.

**Welcome**

I’m delighted to be able to confirm that we have a new Parish Sister  
arriving soon to succeed Sr. Alice who retired last September.

Our new Sister is Anita O’Leary from Ferns in County Wexford.

Sr. Anita has worked for many years in schools and parishes in England and in South Africa.

She brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm  
and we look forward to her arrival here in the coming months.

Sr. Anita will live at the Parish house in Errill.



**Weekly Concert**

Margaret Murphy, Ann Marie Delaney & Friends will entertain us at our weekly concert this week  
at 1 pm on Tuesday available on our website [www.rathdowneyparish.ie](http://www.rathdowneyparish.ie)

Or [www.parishwebsites.ie/rathdowney](http://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 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rathdowneyparish.ie)**

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