

Rathdowney Parish Newsletter
8th / 9th August 2020
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Parish Office: 0505-46282.
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Fr. Martin Delaney 086 2444594

Saturday 8.30pm: Michael Murphy, Graigueavalla
Sunday 11 am: Darren Hickey
Kathleen Maher, Johnstown Glebe
Michael Cahill, Daly Terrace

Masses During the Week

Tues 10am: Joseph, Lilian & Thomas Ryan
Wed to Friday: Mass at 10 am

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

Friday 8.30pm: Vigil Mass for Feast of the Assumption

Saturday 8.30 pm: Mass in Rathdowney
Caroline Bowe, Grogan

Sunday 11 am: Pat O'Regan, Errill - Months Mind
Michael Whelan, Cuan Bhride & deceased
members of the Whelan Family, Kilbreedy
Patrick James Dunne, Monamondra

Recent Death:

Breda Daly, Cooloultha
Daniel Kinahan, Cuan Bhride

Anniversaries:

Marian Dooley, Erkina House
Martin Tynan Quigley Park
James Fogarty Rathmanna

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
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 Us on 085 142 9343

Monday to Thursday from 10 am to 12 Noon
Week 7: 8th / 9th August 2020—H to M

If your surname is not from the H to M category and you would like to attend Mass this weekend
Please contact us on Thursday and we will reserve a seat for you if we have not reached capacity
To be fair to everyone please make your reservation only in the week preceding the Mass you wish to attend.

Saturday 15th August 2020

There will be **NO MASS IN GROGAN** on Saturday 15th of August, The Feast of the Assumption of Mary.
Instead there will be Mass in Rathdowney Church at 8.30pm. This will be celebrated by Fr. Martin Hayes from the Archdiocese of Cashel. Martin's mother was Mary Agnes Bowe from Grogan and Martin has a strong affinity with the church and its faith history. Fr Hayes was recently nominated by Pope Francis to be the next Bishop of Kilmore (Kilmore covers County Cavan and some of Leitrim and Fermanagh). We look forward to welcoming Bishop-elect Martin and members of his family and to offer him our prayers and support as he begins his new ministry up north.

There will be a Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption on Friday 14th at 8.30pm, also in Rathdowney

Upcoming Concerts for August

Tuesday 11th August: Michael English
Tuesday 18th August: The Kilkenny Collection
Tuesday 25th August: Vocalese from Portlaoise

All available on our website www.rathdowneyparish.ie



July 2020



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

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