Rathdowney Parish Newsletter 5th / 6th December 2020 Second Sunday of Advent Parish Office: 0505-46282. Email: rathdowney@ossory.ie Fr. Martin Delaney 086 2444594 Sr. Anita O'Leary 087 4301072

Sat. 8.30 pm: May & Bill Whelan, The Conoboro

Billy & John O'Brien, Donaghmore Jack & Mary Maguire, Errill Village

Sun. 11 am: Catherine & Judy Kelly, Main St

Jack Doran, Rapla

Jack Dowling, Grantstown

& deceased members of the Dowling Family.

Mon 7.30 pm: Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Joseph Kennedy, Rossmore 1st Anniversary

John & Mary Doyle, Grantstown

Tues 10 am: Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The children from both Errill and Rathdowney National Schools will join us virtually for this Mass.

Wed: Mass at 10 am

Thurs & Friday: Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of the Eucharist

Recent Deaths:

Mary Kearns, Birr; John Feeley, England and late of Graigueavalla

Anniversaries:

Kevin And Ricky Fogarty, Templetuohy; Thomas & Nora Behan, Ballagh; Ann Howard Pound Street; Dickie & Mollie Cahill, Moore St; Paddy & Julia Mahon, Harristown; Michael Conroy, Akip.

Masses Next Weekend

Sat. 8.30 pm: Linda O'Brien Months Mind Charlie Campion, Lisduff

Delia, Pat & Kieran Phelan, The Glebe, Donaghmore

Sun. 11 am: Deirdre Giltrap, The Square & all deceased

members of the O'Gorman & Giltrap Family

Mary & Donal Guilfoyle, Knockiel Lil & Eddie Bergin, Daly Terrace

St Vincent De Paul Rathdowney Annual Appeal

In what has been a very difficult year for everyone, charities have been particularly badly hit, as their main avenue of fundraising (church gate collection) has not been possible.

This is certainly the case here in Rathdowney. Many families face impossible choices this Christmas and St. Vincent De Paul helps to ease some of the financial burdens which the season inevitably brings. You can help us in this valuable work by making a donation of whatever you can to the St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal here in our local community.

To donate, there are a number of ways:

. Click the Donate link on the Rathdowney Parish website https://donate.rathdowneyparish.ie/

On the Donate section you can contribute by choosing the St. Vincent De Paul option.

- 2. Using an ordinary envelope, place your donation inside and send to Parish Office, Parochial House, Rathdowney Co. Laois. Please state clearly that it is for SVP.
- 3. Blue St. Vincent De Paul envelopes are being distributed by An Post over the coming days to households in the area. They are also being included in newspapers throughout the week. These can be dropped into the parish office. (beside Scoil Bhride Primary School)

We genuinely appreciate your help, and anything that you give. By choosing one of the options above, your donation will be used locally in the Rathdowney area to help families and people at a time of need.

Rosary at 5.30 pm each day Monday to Friday

All Masses are streamed live on our Webcam
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Rathdowney: Thursday 2 pm to 4 pm
Errill: Friday 10 am to 12 Noon

Mass Reservations

Our Mass reservation number 085 142 9343 is open to <u>ALL</u> parishioners from Monday to Thursday 10 am to 12 noon.

SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person Mr Cathal Cullen—087 100 0232 / <u>dlp@ossory.ie</u> 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; Sr Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney

Rathdowney GAA Lotto

There was no winner in this week's jackpot which was €17,950. The numbers drawn were 4, 5, 6, 20. The 10 winners of €15 were Mgt Butler, Catherine Whelan, Brian & Laura, James Ryan, Sarah Meagher, Ray Kelly, Ciara Gorman, Oisin Barry, Fiona Behan, Noel Loughlin. Next week's jackpot will €18,100. Tickets can be purchased in all shops or from any local promoter.

Our Concerts Are Back!!!

This weekend we start a new programme of concerts for Advent and Christmas

You can join

The Scott Family

on Sunday 6th of December at 8 pm

On the webcam

www.rathdowneyparish.ie/webcam

Joining us next Sunday, Dec 13th are Billy and Erin Dollard and the Vltava Quartet

This series of concerts will continue each Sunday until Christmas and will feature some of those who entertained us so well earlier in the year.

Evening Reflection for Advent

This Friday (11th December) Sr Anita O'Leary will lead us in Reflection for Advent at 7.30 pm Available on the Webcam People are welcome to attend in the church also