

Rathdowney Parish Newsletter
27th/28th February 2021
2nd Sunday in Lent
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Sat. 7.30 pm: **Lil Kelly**, Churchquarter, Errill Months Mind
Agnes & Pat Byrne, Castlefleming
Michael Finane, Mooreville

Sun. 11 am: **Nancy Delahunty**, The Square
Mary Dowling (nee Bowe) Camorss
Ger Leahy, Cardtown & **Noel McCartney**, Coolrain

Tuesday 10 am: **Kieran (Sonny) O'Dea**, Cuan Bhride
& formerly Clonmeen.

Wednesday 10 am: **Thomas Kelly**, Main Street

Thursday 10 am: **Noel Hyde**, Glosha Road

Friday 10 am: Deceased employees of
Donaghmore Creamery & those still living

Recent Deaths:

Catherine Walsh, The Old Rectory, Bealady

Sheila Fitzpatrick, Newtownperry

Margaret Kennedy (nee Gill) Shankill, Dublin.

Anniversaries:

Sean Bergin, Killasmeestia

William Dobbyn, Garryduff

Mary Campion, Bridge View Hse, Donaghmore

Michael Campion, Clonmeen

John Joe Whelan, Mooreville

Masses Next Weekend

Sat. 7.30 pm: **Breda McGrath**, Clonmeen Months Mind
Dermot & Catherine Barton, Graigueavalla
Joseph & Mary Bergin, Kyleahaw
Sun. 11 am: **Nora Browne**, Daly Terrace Months Mind.
Paddy Hickey, Quigley Park
Peter & Bridie Daly, High Street

Lenten Poem by Ann Weems

Lent is a time to take time to let the power
of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events get up
and walk around in us,
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and
listen to his Word,
a time to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....
Lent is a time to allow
a fresh new taste of God!
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,
for thoughts come unbidden.
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future
knowing our past.
Give us courage, O God,
to hear your Word
and to read our living into it.
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven
and give us the faith
to take up our lives and walk.

Lent 2021

Rosary will continue each evening
Monday to Thursday at 5.30 pm available on the Webcam.
During the Lenten Season, Stations of the Cross will be
prayed on Fridays at 7pm.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues in
Rathdowney on Thursday from 2 to 4 pm
And in Errill on Friday from 10 am to 12 Noon.

St Patrick's Night Concert

We are planning a Concert of Music and poetry for
St Patrick's Night 17th March
This concert will be available to view on the website
www.rathdowneyparish.ie
More details next week

SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person

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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

St Patrick's Day Cards



With St Patrick's Day fast
approaching we would like to
draw your attention to our St
Patrick 'window card' which is available from
The Parish Office
Price €4 each or 3 for €10

**As you are aware, under the current restrictions
attendance at Mass is not allowed.**

**All our services will continue to be streamed online via
the webcam www.rathdowneyparish.ie/webcam**

**Both Churches will be open each day for private prayer
and you are reminded to follow the signs re safe entry
and exit.**

Parish Office

Due to current level 5 restrictions the Parish Office will
be closed to the Public until the end of the
current restrictions

For enquiries, Mass Cards, Bookings etc please phone
0505 46282 10am to 2 pm.

Readings for this weekend

First reading

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith

God put Abraham to the test. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he called. ‘Here I am’ he replied. ‘Take your son,’ God said ‘your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.’

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he said. ‘I am here’ he replied. ‘Do not raise your hand against the boy’ the angel said. ‘Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.’ Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. ‘I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 115(116):10,15-19

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:

‘I am sorely afflicted,’

O precious in the eyes of the Lord

is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;

you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;

I will call on the Lord’s name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil

before all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord,

in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Second reading

Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

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