

Rathdowney Parish Newsletter

8th/9th May 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Sat. 7.30 pm: Bridie Holohan, Clover Cottage

Evelyn Holohan, Belmullet & London

Paddy & Christina Byrne, Ballacolla

Sun. 11 am: Billy Lupton, Coolkerry 1st Anniversary

Paddy Gaffney, Ballagh 1st Anniversary

John Fields, Dublin

Monday: No Mass

Tues. 10 am:

Wed. 10 am: Michael O'Sullivan Main Street

Thurs. 10 am:

**Fri. 10 am: Deceased members of the Meagher Family,
Ballybuggy**

Recent Deaths:

Frances Bowe, Quigley Park

Anniversaries at this time:

Joseph Dowling, Clonmeen

Jack Whelan, Ballyedmond

Masses Next Weekend

Sat. 7.30 pm: Áine Hetherington

**Mary Dunne (nee Brophy) & Sarah Redmond
(nee Brophy)**

Sun. 11 am: John Murray, Daly Terrace Months Mind

Peggy Delaney, Cappalanan

McNicholas & Taylor families

Rosary will continue each evening

Monday to Friday at 5.30 pm available on the Webcam.

**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.

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

Rathdowney GAA Lotto Results

No Jackpot Winner Numbers drawn: 8, 10, 15, 25.

10 winners of €15: Martin Corrigan, Claire

Dowling, Tommy Hickey, Emily Treacy, Lisa

Stokes, Peter Butler, Carol Hogan, Andy Doran,

Martin Cuddy, Willie Campion.

Next week's jackpot €3,500

**Tickets can be purchased in all shops or from any
local promoter.**

Errill GAA Lotto Results

No Jackpot Winner. Numbers drawn: 2, 10, 11, 26

Match 3 Winners: €50 each

Margaret Kelly, Birr & Grainne Aylward,

C/O Cardstand

Next Draw 12th May 2021 Jackpot €14,200

Webinar

Gratitude, Compassion, Hope

Journeying with God in the Present Moment

**The speaker: Dr. Jessie Rogers, Dean of Theology,
St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.**

When? May 28th 2021

**Times: 10.30a.m. – 4.00p.m. Dr Jessie will offer 4
sessions of 35 minutes each throughout the day,
beginning at 10.30; 12.00; 14.00 & 15.15. After each
session there will either be time for quiet
reflection/ for Q&A and also
a coffee and lunch break.**

**To book: E-mail sara.bulfin@ssjg.ie before May
26th. She will send you the link prior to the
Webinar. This webinar is free.**

Alleluia!! We are open again for Mass!

Following the recent easing of restrictions Churches are allowed to welcome people back to Mass and other religious services. Where churches are large enough more than one pod can be created with a maximum of fifty people in each pod. The church in Rathdowney can accommodate two pods, one of fifty and a smaller one of thirty. This means that we can welcome up to eighty people at each Mass. The Parish Pastoral Council has decided that, because of this increased capacity and the increasing number of people vaccinated, we can welcome people to Mass without the need to reserve a place in advance as we had done last year. We will still divide the parish into two halves of the alphabet ie on the weekend of 15th/16th of May all parishioners with the surnames from A to M are welcome to come to either Saturday night or Sunday Mass. The following weekend it will be surnames N to Z. I stress again that there will be no need to book. Those who have anniversaries booked for a particular mass will be welcome irrespective of surname.

We will be welcoming people back to Daily Mass from Tuesday next 11th of May. I would like to encourage parishioners to alternatively consider one of the weekday masses as their weekly observance but of course you are welcome to come whenever and as often as you choose.

The Parish Pastoral Council is also exploring the possibility of having a 'Drive In' Mass once a week. This will most likely be in the Carpark of Errill Church on a Friday evening. A final decision about that will be announced next weekend.

I look forward to welcoming congregations back to Mass and I ask you to cooperate fully with the safety measures in place ie Please wear a mask in church, sanitise hands on arrival and departure. Follow the guidance of the Ushers inside the church etc. Please use the entire church and don't simply gravitate towards the back or the seat you always sat in!

Fr. Martin