

**Rathdowney Parish Newsletter**

11th/12th September 2021

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Parish Office**

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**Sat. 8.30 pm in Errill:**

**Jimmy Gilmartin, Quigley Park & deceased members of the Gilmartin Family**

**Joe Davy, Knockardgannon**

**Pat Kelly, Village View**

**Sun. 10.30 am in Rathdowney:**

**Paddy Powell, Knockiel**

**Peg & Andy Bergin, Kilcoran**

**12 Noon in Errill: First Communion**

**Monday: No Mass**

**Tues 10 am: Donie & Kathy Dowling, Daly Tce**

**Wed, Thurs & Fri: Mass at 10am**

**Wed. No Mass in Errill as Church is closed for painting**

**Recent Deaths:**

**Paddy Gleeson, Barna Templetuohy**

**Masses Next Weekend**

**Sat. 8.30 pm in Errill:**

**Kathleen Ryan, Knockiel**

**Peggy & Charlie O'Reilly, Church Street**

**Catherine Treacy, Quigley Park**

**Sun. 10.30 am in Rathdowney:**

**First Communion Mass**

**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**

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**Parish Representatives**

**Helen Campion & John Casey**

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**Rathdowney GAA Lotto Results**

No jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 8, 13, 26, 27. 10 Winners of €15: Jean Behan, Mary Campion, Claire Meade, Andy Doran, Teddy Kearns, Joseph Behan, John J Murray, Mary Gray, Martin O'Brien, Trish Meagher. Next week's jackpot €6,200. Tickets can be purchased in all shops or from any local promoter.

**Errill GAA Lotto Results**

Numbers drawn: 5, 6, 12, 20 No Jackpot Winner  
2 Match 3: Eileen Condron, Rathdowney & Cathy Brennan, Errill

Next Draw 13th Sept. 2021 Jackpot €3,650

**Diocese of Ossory**

**St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw**

Draw will recommence on September 29th.

Subscription €120 per year (can be paid monthly)

1st Prize €2,000, 2nd €1,000, 3rd €500, 4th & 5th €300,

6th & 7th €200, 8th/9th/10th €100

Tickets available in the Parish Office

**Cemetery Masses**

**Local Cemetery:** Friday 17th September

**Bealady Cemetery:** Friday 24th September

**Errill Cemetery:** Wednesday 29th September

**All Masses at 6.30 pm**

**Friday 1st October**

Mass in Grogan at 7 pm which will be celebrated by

Bishop Martin Hayes, Bishop of Kilmore Diocese

This is the Mass for those buried in our closed cemeteries

**Rathdowney Library**

Library will be closed from Mon. 13th Sept until further notice for essential repairs and works. Customers may use

Abbeyleix or Durrow libraries or access online at

[www.laois.ie/library](http://www.laois.ie/library)

**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

**First Communion and Confirmation**

**Sunday 19th Sept. 10.30 am:** Rathdowney 1st Communion

**Sunday 26th Sept. 12 Noon:** Errill Confirmation

**Saturday 2nd Oct. 11 am:** Rathdowney Confirmation

**New Protocols**

Due to the smaller capacity in Errill we will continue to operate the 'Alphabet' system continuing with the A to M category next weekend.

**This applies to Errill church only and all are welcome to attend the 10.30 am Mass in Rathdowney each weekend.**

**Celebrating Fifty years of Errill Church 1971-2021**

In November 2021 we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the opening and dedication of Our Lady Queen of the Universe Church in Errill. To mark this Jubilee celebration we are planning a number of events over the next few months. The easing of Covid restrictions allows us to plan knowing that we can accommodate greater numbers safely at both indoor and outdoor events.

The centre-piece of our celebrations is a Camino or walking pilgrimage over four stages. Each of the four stages will be inspired by the routes and locations associated with the faith history of our community during the three centuries leading up to the building of the church in Errill village in 1971.

**The First Stage: Errill to The Little Derries Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2021 at 3pm**

**The Second Stage: Graigueavallagh to Errill Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 2021 at 7am**

**The Third Stage: Graigueavallagh to Grogan Sunday Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am**

**The Fourth Stage: Grogan to Errill Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 12 Noon**

The principal celebration will take place on Saturday Evening 20th November when Bishop Denis Nulty Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory will come to preside at Mass and join us for refreshments afterwards.