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A Word in your ear

Sadly, the numbers of covid infections within the wider community continues to remain stubbornly high. Various health experts and leaders are strongly advising that we limit our social contacts and double down on observing the basic advice of mask wearing, hand sanitising and maintaining social distancing.

While no new restrictions around church attendance seem likely in the short term we have to all try to do our best to act responsibly. I know that a number of parishioners are still reluctant and nervous about coming back into church for weekend Masses.

Some are choosing to attend during the week where numbers are smaller and there are no difficulties with social distancing. Some have indicated to me that they are happy to come to mass at weekends but have been nervous when too many people try to fill the seats close to them.

I fully understand that most people do not wish to sit too close to the front of our churches and therefore gravitate towards the seats at the back. I am asking you to perhaps move slightly out of your comfort zone for the safety of all. Please use the whole church. We will be trying to keep every second seat free to help with social distancing.

Hopefully this won't be the situation for too much longer but for the moment thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Have a good week and stay safe.

Fr Martin

Rathdowney Parish Newsletter

13th / 14th November 2021

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sat. 8.30 pm Errill:

Mary Edwards nee Keane Castlefleming

John & Teresa O'Dea, Clonmeen

Michael Doheny, Daly Terrace

Sun. 10.30 am Rathdowney:

Patrick Creagh, Ballybuggy & **deceased members of his family**

Billy & John Gerard O'Brien, Donaghmore

Celsus McGovern, Conoboro Road

Rathdowney:

Mon No Mass

Tues 10am: Timothy & Anastasia Quigley & deceased members of the Quigley Family

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Mass at 10 am

Errill:

Wed 7.30pm: Teresa Kelly, Village View

Recent Death: **Virginia Conroy nee Keane**, late of Village View

Anniversaries at this time

Catherine Hyland, Daly Terrace

Masses Next Weekend

Sat. 8.30 pm in Errill:

Sun. 10.30 am in Rathdowney:

Mary Cahill, Daly Terrace

Eddie O'Brien, Quigley Park

Tom Bowe, Grogan & **deceased members of the Bowe and Egan Families.**

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 Bernadette's Hall Re-development.

The committee of St Bernadette's Hall in Errill are seeking your support with funding for the redevelopment of the hall.

We are very grateful that we are receiving considerable funding from Laois Partnership however we are left with a shortfall to complete the project.

We would like to thank many who have contributed towards the project so far however we are now moving to the next phase of our fundraising activity.

Committee members will be calling to houses in Errill and surrounds over the coming weeks to let you know how you can contribute to this major community project which will benefit all of us for years to come.

You can help us reach our goal by:

1. Donate to our Buy a Brick campaign, each brick costs €250, phased payments can be arranged.

2. Donate to our Go-Fund Me page, <https://gofund.me/715797b6>

A committee member will be circulating a brochure in the coming weeks with contact details of a committee member for more information.

Celebrating Fifty years of Errill Church 1971-2021

The Fourth Stage of our celebration takes place on Saturday 20th November when we will walk from Grogan to Errill. The walk will commence at 12 Noon and all are welcome to join us.

Due to the uncertainty around Covid numbers it has been decided to postpone the principal celebration scheduled for Saturday evening until a later date.

We welcome into our Parish Community

Amber Rose Bowe-Spellacy

who are being baptised this weekend

