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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

20th / 21st November 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

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Sat. 8.30 pm Errill:

Joseph, Sarah & Sr Sheila Delaney, Clonburren

Sun. 10.30 am Rathdowney:

Mary Cahill, Daly Terrace

Eddie O'Brien, Quigley Park & deceased members of the O'Brien & Maloney Families

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

Rathdowney:

Mon No Mass

Tues 10am:

Wed. 10 am: Mary Fogarty, Knockiel 1st Anniversary & her husband Diarmuid.

Thursday & Friday Mass at 10 am

Errill:

Wed 7.30pm:

Recent Deaths:

Lily De Mattos (nee Dollard) Canada & late of Ballyedmond

Michael McCabe, Cork Road, Portlaoise

Anniversaries at this time:

Thomas & Nora Behan

Masses Next Weekend

Sat. 8.30 pm in Errill:

Kathleen O'Connell, Johnstown Road

Gary & Elizabeth Davy, Clonmeen

Michael Bergin, Coolowley

Sun. 10.30 am in Rathdowney:

Paddy & Colette Kavanagh, The Square

Sean & Mary Campion, Johnstown Glebe

Noreen Conroy (nee Finane) Portlaoise

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

Collections Last Weekend

Weekly Envelopes €1012.65

Offertory €40

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.

Rosary will continue each evening

Monday to Friday at 5.30 pm

available on the Webcam.

We welcome into our Parish Community

Kate Kelly
Theo Campion
Teddy Dollard



who are being baptised this weekend