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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

27th/28th November 2021

First Sunday of Advent

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Sat. 8.30 pm Errill:

Kathleen O'Connell, Johnstown Road

Gary & Elizabeth Davy, Clonmeen

Michael Bergin, Coolowley

Sun. 10.30 am Rathdowney:

Paddy & Colette Kavanagh, The Square

Sean & Mary Campion, Johnstown Glebe

Noreen Conroy (nee Finane) Portlaoise

Rathdowney:

Mon No Mass

Tues to Thurs: Mass at 10am

Friday Mass at 10 am: Jack Doran, Rapha

Errill:

Wed 7.30pm:

Anniversaries at this time:

James & Richard Holahan, Kylemelawn

Kathleen Walsh, Durrow & Partmarnock

Masses Next Weekend

Sat. 8.30 pm in Errill:

Sun. 10.30 am in Rathdowney:

William & May Whelan, The Conoboro

Sheila Kelly, Raheen, Donaghmore

James Bergin & deceased members of the Bergin Family

Congratulations

to Lorraine Bergin, Coolowley and David Millea,
 Hugginstown who were married on Friday



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 €527.00

A message for young people

Beginning on Saturday 5th December Vocations Ossory are holding a series of Zoom Meetings for young people who wish to explore questions about life and faith on three Saturday's in December from 10 am - 11 am

On Saturday 4th December the topic will be...

'Your Life: God's vision & your dreams'

For further information & a link to these meetings simply drop an email to vocations@ossory.ie giving your name and name of your parish.

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<https://www.facebook.com/Vocations-Ossory-109568687936204>
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Job Vacancy

Data protection Office,
 (Dioceses of Ferns, Kildare & Leighlin and Ossory).

This will be a 3 year, part time fixed term contract
 (16 hours)

The purpose of this role is to assist the three dioceses and their constituent parishes and agencies to ensure continued compliance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The Catholic Church recognizes that good pastoral care and respect for the dignity of every person requires that personal data should be sourced, stored, processed and eventually disposed of in an appropriate manner and welcomes the essential principles underlying the GDPR.

For information and application contact
 ferns.ie and kandle.ie or ossory.ie .

Closing date for applications by post on or before 10th December 2021 to:

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