

Rathdowney Parish Newsletter

26th December 2021 & 1st/2nd January 2022

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

&

Second Sunday after Christmas

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Sunday (St Stephen's Day)

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9 am Errill:

10.30 am Rathdowney:

John Peters, Mooreville

Jack & Frances Flanagan, Tullacommon

Delia, Pat & Kieran Phelan, Donaghmore

Mon to Wednesday No Mass

Thurs & Friday: Mass at 11am

Masses Weekend 1st / 2nd January 2022

Errill:

8.30pm: Jer Campion, Coolkerry

Rathdowney:

10.30 am Sally Kennedy Mooreville Months Mind

Oliver Browne, Moore Street

Jean Carthy, Moore Street

Errill Wed 5th Jan: 7.30 pm Vigil Mass Feast of the Epiphany

Rathdowney Thursday 6th 10 am: Feast of the Epiphany

Weekend 8th / 9th January 2022

Saturday 8th 12 Noon Rathdowney:

Mary & John Quigley, Johnstown Glebe

Errill 8.30 pm: Thomas & Mary Wall, Rossmore

Dylan Daly, Portlaoise

Rathdowney 10.30 am:

Kathleen Lupton

& deceased members of the White Family, Coolkerry

Gillian Kelly, Knockfin

Peg Smeaton, Church Street

Anniversaries at this time:

Mixie Daly, Glosa Road

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Adoration

There will be no Adoration in Errill Church
until 29th January 2022

or in Rathdowney until 13th January 2022

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

Share Your Light

When a torch grows dim or stops working, do you
just throw it away?

Of course not. You change the batteries.

When a person messes up or find themselves in a
dark place, do you cast them aside?

Of course not, you help them change their
batteries.

Some need AA.. Attention and affection; some
need AAA... attention, affection and acceptance;

some need C... compassion;

some need D...direction.

And if they still don't seem to shine...simply sit
quietly with them and share your light.

We welcome into our Parish Community

Cara VanDina

&

Lyra Harper Burke

who are being baptised this week



A Christmas Blessing by John O'Donohue

May the Angels in their beauty bless you.

May they turn toward you streams of blessing.

May the Angel of Awakening stir your heart

To come alive to the eternal within you,

To all the invitations that quietly surround you.

May the Angel of Healing turn your wounds

Into sources of refreshment.

May the Angel of the Imagination enable you

To stand on the true thresholds,

At ease with your ambivalence

And drawn in new direction

Through the glow of your contradictions.

May the Angel of Compassion open your eyes

To the unseen suffering around you.

May the Angel of Wildness disturb the places

Where your life is domesticated and safe,

Take you to the territories of true otherness

Where all that is awkward in you

Can fall into its own rhythm.

May the Angel of Eros introduce you

To the beauty of your senses

To celebrate your inheritance

As a temple of the holy spirit.

May the Angel of Justice disturb you

To take the side of the poor and the wronged.

May the Angel of Encouragement confirm you

In worth and self-respect,

That you may live with the dignity

That presides in your soul.

May the Angel of Death arrive only

When your life is complete

And you have brought every given gift

To the threshold where its infinity can shine.

May all the Angels be your sheltering

and joyful guardians.