

## Rathdowney Parish Newsletter

29th / 30th January 2022

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**12 Noon Errill:** Mick Ryan, Lyroque, Months Mind

**Sat. 8.30 pm Rathdowney:**

Lil Kelly, Church Quarter, 1st Anniversary & her husband Paddy Kelly, 4th Anniversary.

Breda McGrath, Lismorrougha 1st Anniversary

Margaret White, Ballagh 40th Anniversary

**Sun. 10.30 am Rathdowney:**

Nora Browne, Daly Terrace, 1st Anniversary

Colin Morgan & Family, England

**Masses During the Week**

**Rathdowney:**

**Mon** No Mass

**Tues:** Mass at 10 am

**Wed:** Ber White, Quigley Park Anniversary

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

**Errill:**

**Wed.** Mass at 7.30 pm

**Masses Next Weekend**

**Sat 8.30 pm: Errill**

Joe Grogan, School Road, Errill

John, Josie & Jackie Kilcare, Donaghmore

Tim Davin, Eglish & deceased members of the Davin & Butler Families.

**Sun. 10.30 am Rathdowney:**

Mary Browne, Moore Street

Dan & Elizabeth Campion, Clonmeen

Billy Carthy, Moore Street.

**Anniversaries at this time:**

Pat Keane, Castlefleming

Paul Keyes, School Road, Errill

Jack Ryan, Rathsaran

**Collections Weekend 22nd/23rd January 2022**

Weekly Envelopes €863

## SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person

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**Parish Representatives**

**Helen Campion & John Casey**

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Towards Healing confidential and free counselling service, Ph. 1800 303 416. They provide face to face counselling, structured phone counselling, family counselling and a counselling helpline for people who have experienced institutional, clerical or religious abuse in Ireland.

## Rathdowney GAA Lotto Results

No jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3, 23, 27, 28.

10 winners of €15: Cormac Bracken, Fintan Behan,

Josie Kelly, Willie Bourke, Roisin Bowe, Mick Maher,

Jack Cahill, Saoirse & Boys, Saoirse Stenson, Katie

Campion. Next week's jackpot will be €9.050.

Tickets can be purchased in all shops or from any local promoter.

## Errill GAA Lotto Results

Numbers drawn: 1, 8, 23, 24

No Jackpot Winner - No Match 3

5 X €20: Mark Scanlan, Rathdowney; Oisín Moore,

Errill; Michael Holohan, Barney; Margaret Delaney;

Martina Hogan, Birr.

Next Draw 31st January Jackpot €6,350.

## St Colmcille's N.S. Errill - Enrolment 2022/2023

Enrolment of pupils for the next school year 2022/2023 is now open. Enrolment forms can be requested by email:

[errillns@gmail.com](mailto:errillns@gmail.com).

Closing date for receipt of completed enrolment forms

Tuesday 1st February 2022

## Adoration

Adoration in Rathdowney on

Thursday from 2 to 4 pm

And resuming in Errill on Friday from 10am to 12 pm

Rosary continues each evening at 5.30 pm

## 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

A word in your ear...

Many people believe that the rising tension in Ukraine stems from President Putin's desire to restore the power of the old Soviet Union. In the summer of 1991 communism dramatically collapsed in the Soviet Union. Some of you may remember that historic event. A group of Russian generals were determined to turn back the tide of democracy in that declining empire. They placed Mikhail Gorbachev under house arrest at his home outside of Moscow.

Meanwhile a tank rumbled into Red Square with the sole purpose of capturing second-in-command, Boris Yeltsin. But Yeltsin did something quite extraordinary. Instead of acquiescing to his captors, he leaped atop the tank and welcomed the tank commander over to the side of democracy.

Later the tank commander reported that, up to this point, he had no intention of joining the forces of democracy, but Yeltsin was so persuasive that he could not resist. And with that single event, communism lost its final prospect of a return to power.

A reporter interviewed Boris Yeltsin not long after that famous incident. The reporter asked Yeltsin what gave him the courage to take that stand. Yeltsin credited reading the story of Lech Walesa, the Gdansk electrician who led the forces of Solidarity and helped bring democracy to Poland several years before.

Someone once asked Walesa what caused him to make the stand that brought down communism in his land. Walesa said he was inspired to his acts of sacrifice and courage by reading accounts of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights marchers in the United States.

When Mr King was asked what pivotal event spurred him into action as a leader of his people he cited the influence of Rosa Parks, the African-American lady in Montgomery, Alabama who refused to sit in the back of the bus when instructed to do so because of her skin colour. So, is it possible that the fall of Communism began with one African-American who refused to sit in the back of a bus? Please don't ever think that your lone voice or action cannot make a difference.

*Fr. Martin*