

Masses this Weekend

Sat. 8.30 pm Errill:

Jackie White, Ballagh 1st Anniversary
Anthony McKelvey, Village View
Dermot & Catherine Barton, Graigueavalla

Sun. 10.30 am Rathdowney:

Peter & Bridie Daly, High Street
Jackie, Mary & Tommy Bowe & deceased members of
their family, Daly Terrace and Moore Street.

Masses During the Week

Rathdowney:

Mon No Mass
Tues 10am: Pat O'Regan, Corner House, Errill
Wed Mass at 10 am
Thursday St Patrick's Day - Mass at 10.30 am
Paddy Lowry, Cappalinnan
Jim Rafter, Clonmeen
Sheila Gannon, Bealady
Fri. 10 am: Marc Pessers, Coolkerry

Errill:

Wed: No Mass in Errill this week.

Masses Next Weekend

Sat 8.30 pm: Errill:

Michael Lalor, Clonmeen & his father Patrick
whose 50th Anniversary occurs at this time.
Ann Marie Bowden, Village View
Tommy White, Castlefleming & Tony, Stasia & Liam White
Sun. 10. 30 am Rathdowney:
Hannah Finane, Mooreville 1st Anniversary
Christina Hickey, Ossory Street
& deceased members of the Hickey & Phelan Families.

Recent Deaths:

Martin Houlihan, Castleiney (brother of Jim)
Peg Dollard, Ballyedmond.
Mary Clarke, Clonboo, Templetuohy (sister of Statia Campion)

Anniversaries at this time:

Annie Maher, Moore Street; Kathleen Delaney, Harristown.

Concert

Unfortunately for various reasons, we have had to postpone
our planned concert. Anyone who bought tickets can call to
the Parish Office for a refund.

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12th/13th March 2022

Second Sunday of Lent

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Adoration

No Adoration this week. It will resume next week
Rosary continues each evening at 5.30 pm

Errill/Rathdowney Ukraine Aid Appeal

Local businesses have come on board to assist in the
appeal. See list of items at collection points in the area.
All cash donations received will be sent to the
Irish Red Cross.
Portlaoise Cash & Carry will provide pallets of goods
at cost price to their customers for donation to the
Mark Martley Appeal.

Collections Weekend 5th/6th March 2022

Weekly Envelopes €866.50

The Synodal Journey in Ossory

There are a series of meetings throughout the
Diocese during Lent to discuss your experience of
Church today and your hopes for its future
- every voice matters -

**The meeting for our Parish takes place
in the Marian Centre, Rathdowney
at 7.30 pm on March 23rd**

A word in your ear....

Forgive me for asking a personal question but when were you last
at Confession? To be honest I don't really want to know the
answer and anyway it is none of my business. However, I would
like you to still think about the question and maybe Lent is a
good time to do just that. It is no secret that the sacrament we
commonly call Confession has had, to say the least, a bit of a bad
press in recent years and I'm sure that for many people it may not
even feature on their religious agenda any longer.

Personally, I feel the sacrament suffered because the whole
experience was reduced to the 'confessing' bit when the far more
important piece was the forgiveness of God. Wherever we are on
our spiritual journey we can ALL benefit from the forgiveness of
God. I would go so far as to suggest that the most important job
of any priest is to be an agent of the Forgiveness and Compassion
of God. Having talked with the Parish Pastoral Councils in both
Rathdowney and Durrow, I'm proposing that this Lent will be a
time to celebrate the Forgiveness and Compassion of God. There
will be three steps or moments in our celebration. Firstly next
weekend (19th&20th) I'm hoping to share a few thoughts and
reflections on Forgiveness and Reconciliation at masses in both
parishes. This will be an invitation for all of us to prepare to
celebrate the Sacrament of God's Forgiveness and Compassion.
The following weekend (26th&27th) at four masses ie. **7pm in
Cullohill, 8.30pm in Errill, 10.30am in Rathdowney and 12 noon
in Durrow** there will be an opportunity for anyone who wishes to
come forward to celebrate the sacrament. This encounter will not
be about confessing a list of sins but simply acknowledging your
need for God's Forgiveness. There will be a number of visiting
priests available at each Mass to celebrate the sacrament. The
third step will be an invitation to go out and do some act of
kindness in gratitude for the Forgiveness received in the
sacrament.

I extend a warm invitation to all of you to come and experience
the Forgiveness and Compassion of God. Feel free to invite others
to come as well.

Fr. Martin