

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

8.30pm Errill:

Gary & Elizabeth Davy, Clonmeen

Sun. 10.30 am Rathdowney:

Paddy & Collette Kavanagh, The Square
Noreen Conroy (nee Finane) Portlaoise
Michael Bergin, Coolowley



MASSES DURING THE WEEK

RATHDOWNEY

Monday: No Mass
Tues to Thurs: Mass at 10 am
Friday 10am: Jack Doran, Rapla

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 8.30pm Errill:

Billy O'Brien & his son John Gerard, Donaghmore

Sun. 10.30 am Rathdowney:

Sally Whelan, Castletown, Donaghmore 1st Anniversary
Bill & Mary Whelan, The Conoboro
Sean & Mary Champion, Johnstown Glebe

Anniversaries at this time:

Thomas & Nora Behan
Paddy & Josie Fox

Collections Weekend 19th/20th November 2022

Weekly Envelopes €1297.50 Offertory €456

Adoration

Adoration in Rathdowney on Thursday from 2 to 4 pm
Adoration in Errill on Friday from 10am to 12 Noon
Rosary will continue each evening
Monday to Friday at 5.30 pm available on the Webcam

Social Services Christmas Party

Will take place on Saturday 3rd December
at 1 pm in Cuan Bhride.
Please contact Agnes on 0877672056 if you would
like to attend. All are welcome

Parish Pastoral Council Members

Assumpta Casey; Helen Champion; Josephine Champion;
Fran Doyle; Maureen Guilfoyle; Oliver Kennedy;
Mary Nolan; Mary O'Dea; Josephine Ryan;
Sr Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney

Rathdowney Parish Newsletter

26th & 27th November 2022

First Sunday of Advent

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Social Day Care Centre

Mass will be celebrated

on Wednesday December 7th at 12 Noon in the Social Day Care Centre, Cuan Bhride. We will also celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick during this Mass.

All are welcome to attend.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

The pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from September 20th to 27th, 2023. 7 Nights Half Board €849 Per Person Sharing, single room €154 extra. Price does not include travel insurance. €100 discount if paid by Dec 5th 2022. Full religious programme led by Fr Martin Delaney. For booking and more information please contact Group Leader Mary O'Dea at 087 3170084.

Update on the Shrine Project

The project to develop the Shrine area into a community/reflective garden was first initiated almost four years ago. Various obstacles and challenges meant that we could not begin the work but I'm happy to say that progress is now being made and things are shaping up very nicely. Michael Madden won the tender as main contractor, and he is being assisted by Kieran O'Dea. We have received 75% public funding for the project but we still need to raise in the region of €30,000 to complete it. If anyone would be willing to make a contribution towards the project, I would be most appreciative. The overall description of the project has been up on the noticeboard of Rathdowney Church for the last few years so please visit that to get a greater idea of the vision and scope behind these works.

Fr. Martin

SAFEGUARDING

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Parish Representatives

Helen Champion & John Casey

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Ordination

Preparations for the ordination of Father Niall Coll on January 22nd 2023 have begun. Each parish is asked to nominate five names (three sopranos and two others (alto/tenor/bass) to be part of the choir on the day. Please pray for all involved in preparing for this important celebration in the life of our diocese.

Contact: choirs@ossory.ie

Feedback from Parish Councils

There was a joint meeting of the Rathdowney and Durrow Parish Pastoral Councils on Tuesday night last November 22nd. Members in both Councils had received very little feedback regarding our current weekend Mass timetable in all four churches. We decided to retain the present arrangements for another year unless circumstances necessitate otherwise. One proposal which was discussed at length was the possibility of having an early evening Vigil Mass on Saturdays in one of our four churches probably at 6pm. This would then involve a change in other mass times too. I would like to hear any opinions regarding this idea which at the moment is **only** an idea. Any feedback will form part on any future review of Mass Times. Please share your thoughts directly with me or with any member of either Parish Pastoral Council. *Fr Martin*

Daniel records Lovely Rathdowney

From the first time Daniel O'Donnell sang 'Lovely Rathdowney' at our Christmas concert in 2014, he fell in love with the song and wanted to record it on an album. His latest album: 'I wish You well' now includes our local anthem. Daniel has kindly donated 100 copies of the album to raise funds for our local St. Vincent de Paul. The album is available for sale in SuperValu and also a limited number of copies are on sale in the Parish Office. There will be many extra demands on our SVP group coming up to Christmas so we would greatly appreciate your support. Thank you, Daniel, for this very kind gesture and of course for honouring our local anthem. *Fr Martin*