

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. 6pm Rathdowney

Pat Gill, Harp Road Months Mind
Daniel & Margaret Hickey,
& deceased members of the Hickey and Langton families.
Edward Stenson & deceased members of the Stenson Family

Sunday 10.00 am Errill

Patsy Kelly, Knockardgannon
Jimmy & Lucy Bergin, Knockardgannon
Maura & John Bourke, Clonmeen.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK – IN RATHDOWNEY

Monday: No Mass

Tues to Friday:

Mass at 10 am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 6pm Rathdowney:

Enrolment Mass for Our First Communion Children

Kathleen Kenny, Quigley Park 1st Anniversary
Jackie Cahill, Main Street

Sun. 10.00 am Errill:

Fr Joe Campion, Lisduff

Recent Death:

Michael Byrne, Ballacolla.

Collections Weekend 7th/8th October 2023

Weekly Envelopes €1536.50
Offertory Collection: €253.70

Adoration

Adoration in Rathdowney on Thursday after Mass until 12 noon

Adoration in Errill on Friday from 10am until 12 Noon.

Rosary will continue each evening - Monday to Friday
at 5.30 on the Webcam

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 2024

The pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from June 5th to 12th, 2024. 7 Nights Half Board €879 per person sharing. Single supplement €140. Price does not include Travel Insurance.

€100 discount if paid in full by 15th November.

Full religious programme led by Fr Martin Delaney.

For more information & to book contact Group Leader

Mary O'Dea at 087 3170084

Congratulations

To Sile Keane & Colm Coughlan
who were married on Saturday



Rathdowney Parish Newsletter

14th & 15th October 2023

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Remembrance Mass

Our Annual Mass of Remembrance for those who died during the past year will take place on

Thursday 2nd November at 7.30pm.

If you wish to have a candle presented at this Mass in memory of your deceased relative please contact the Parish Office on 0505 46282 or email rathdowney@ossory.ie.

Please let us know who will be there on the night to present the candle

Candles will be supplied by the Parish.

Synod Update

As the Synod in Rome continues in these weeks the 400 members are gathering in the Paul VI hall at the rear of St Peter's Basilica. The format of this Synod is noticeably different from the many that have gone before. All gathered are seated at round tables and all, irrespective of "role", are given the same time to speak. Pope Francis has worked to ensure that all gathered can speak freely but also that they truly make listening a priority. He has noted that at this gathering the Holy Spirit is not merely present but should be seen as the "protagonist" guiding the discussions. To create this atmosphere, Pope Francis has requested confidentiality on the part of Synod members, and in this sense a "fasting from public speech". It is working - we had intended to write to inform you what was happening each week but, thankfully, we do not know.. or at least we do not know the detail of what is being said - Synod members are respecting this freedom to talk and listen without fear of being quoted. Maybe the Spirit is truly the protagonist...

Social Dancing

Social Dance classes for beginners will start in the Marian Centre on Wednesday 25th of October at 8 pm.

Contact Mary on 087 9249633

SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person

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Parish Representatives

Helen Campion & John Casey

The Covid 19 pandemic changed our lives in many ways and some of the practices and services which we took for granted have been slow to restart. At our Parish Pastoral Council meeting during the week, we discussed two services in our parish which have not resumed since the restrictions of a few years ago. The first one is the facility we had to offer catering and refreshments in the Marian Centre after funerals. This was a popular option for many families, and we would like to provide this service once again. We need a small core group of people who would be prepared to coordinate the service. I'm asking for some volunteers to form the core group. Please contact me directly or The Parish Office if you are interested.

The second service we discussed was Altar Servers. We have had none in either church since 2019. The Parish Pastoral Council feels that we should resume the ministry of Altar Server. My previous experience of recruiting Altar Servers was through the school. I would bring in Application forms. At least twenty enthusiastic candidates would take home the forms and a few days later 75% of them would come back to me and say that their parents did not want them to serve or were not prepared to commit to bring them to Mass. I am very happy to have Altar Servers, but I would like to try to a different approach to recruiting them. Therefore, I am asking young people and their parents to express an interest in this ministry by contacting me or The Parish Office and we will take it from there.

Fr. Martin