MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 13th December

Rathdowney 6pm: Sally & Joe Kennedy, Rossmore & their daughter Eileen

Mary O'Sullivan, Moore St

Peter Delaney, Clonmeen & Paddy Kelly, Donaghmore.

Sunday 14th December

Errill 10am: First Holy Communion Preparation Mass

> Mary & Pat Keane, Castlefleming Michael Campion, Lisduff

& his parents Michael & Johanna, Clonmeen.

Charlie Campion, Lisduff.

Masses During this Week

Tuesday & Wed. Mass at 10am

Thursday 10am: Bridget Holohan, Middlemount

Friday 10am: Jim Robinson, Ballagh

Anniversaries: Bernadette Smeaton, Daly Terrace (1st Anniversary)

Donie & Mary Guilfoyle, Knockiel Road

Michael Maher, Johnstown Glebe & deceased members

of the Maher family

Marian O'Sullivan, Kyledellig

Recent Deaths: Bridget (Beenie) Tynan, Errill

Billy Loughnane, Templetuohy

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND Saturday 20th December

Rathdowney 6pm: Jack Carroll, Castletown, Donaghmore

John O'Shea Templequain & Sr. Betty O'Shea Thomas, Catherine & Judy Kelly, Main Street

Sunday 21st December

Errill: 10am: Joe & Kathleen Bergin, Ballybuggy

> Tim & Catherine Flanagan, Castlefleming John & Mary Flanagan & Michael Flanagan

Collections Weekend 6th / 7th December 2025

Loose Plate € 271 Envelopes - € 3,145

Adoration

Rathdowney on Thursday after Mass until 12 noon

Errill on Friday from 10am until 12 Noon

Rosary continues each evening Monday to Friday at 5.30pm on the Webcam

We welcome into Rathdowney Parish Community Baby Casey O'Neill who is being baptised this weekend.



Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Santa will arrive in Errill Village at 5pm on Sunday 14th December and will travel on to the Square in Rathdowney for 6 pm. He will be accompanied by a display of tractors all lit up for Christmas. All donations greatly appreciated.



Carol Service

Takes place on Sunday 21st December, in St Andrews Church, Rathdowney at 4pm. All Welcome.

Newsletter for the Parishes of **Durrow and Rathdowney** 13th / 14th December 2025



Pastoral Council Members

Third Sunday of Advent / Gaudete Sunday

Rathdownev

Assumpta Casey; Helen Campion; Tony Holohan: Fran Doyle: Maureen Guilfoyle; Oliver Kennedy, Mary Nolan, Mary O'Dea, Tadhg Keane; Sr Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney

Durrow

Martin Lawlor; Mary Lawlor; James Walsh; Vicky Murphy; Margaret Murphy; Liam Kavanagh; Pádraig Kiely; Anne-Marie Kiely Sr. Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney

SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person Ailish Higgins - 085 802 1633 safeguarding@ossory.ie Gardaí 1800 555 222 / TUSLA Laois/Offaly 044 935 3997 Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313 416 www.towardshealing.ie Towards Peace Helpline: 01-505 3028 www.towardspeace.ie **Parish Representatives** Rathdowney

John Casey & Helen Campion Durrow Michael Killeen & Sarah Brophy

Cake Sale

Errill NS Parents' Association are having a cake sale on December 14th, 10.30am -12 noon in Ray's Lounge, Errill. Any donations of baked goods greatly appreciated The children will have a little Christmas craft stall.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Saturday 20th December In Rathdowney Church from 11.00am - 12.30pm In Durrow Church from 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Winter Solstice Event

Music, Story, Art and Song. Sunday 21st December, 4 - 5pm Donaghmore Workhouse. Free Event, All Welcome.

Epilepsy Ireland

There will be a collection for Epilepsy Ireland at both Masses next weekend, December 13th & 14th

Templemore Parish Folk Group

will host their Christmas Charity Concert on Dec 14th @ 7.30pm. Guests this year with be our local group "Out the Road". Tickets €25 ON SALE NOW – available from any Folk Group member/Parish Office (Office Hours 9.30am-1.30pm Mon - Thurs) 0504 35772/band member or contact 086 1716989.

Christmas Mass Arrangements

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve

5.00pm Durrow - Children & Family Mass - Celebrant Fr Liam Bergin

5.00pm Rathdowney - Children & Family Mass - Celebrant Fr Martin

7.30pm Cullohill - Celebrant Fr Martin

9.00pm Errill - Fr Martin

Thursday 25th December Christmas Day

10am Rathdowney - Celebrant Fr Liam Bergin

11am Durrow - Celebrant Fr Martin



MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

SATURDAY December 13th

Cullohill 7.30 pm: First Holy Communion Preparation Mass

Martin Mahony, Dereen, Durrow 1st Anniversary Durrow 7.30 pm:

Sunday December 14th

Durrow 11.15 am: Ann Jordan, Tinweir

Jack & Nora Phelan, Castle St, Durrow

Masses During this Week

Tuesday to Friday: Mass in Durrow at 8.50am

Recent Deaths: Eamon Lalor, Durrow

Sean Ryan, Palmerstown, Dublin, Formerly, Durrow

Margaret Lynch, Derrywood, Months Mind **Anniversaries:**

Jack, Mary & Mairead Lalor, Cullohill Village

Patrick & Mary Dunphy, Derry Road

Harold Lawlor, Mill Road

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY December 20th

Cullohill 7.30pm: Statia Dunne, Cullohill

Durrow 7.30 pm:

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21st

Durrow 11.15 am Eamon Rafter, Knockanoran, Months Mind

Hollis Flaherty, New York John Alley, Bishopswood Kitty & Maurice Ryan, London

Collections Weekend 6th / 7th December 2025

Loose Plate - € 309 Envelopes - € 1131

Adoration

Adoration in Cullohill Church every Thursday morning from 8.50—9.50am, in Durrow directly after 8.50 am Mass (finishes at 11.30 am) on Mondays and on Fridays from 7-8pm.

Durrow St Vincent de Paul

Will hold a church door collection on Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th December. Your generosity would be gratefully appreciated Confidential Helpline Number has been changed to 083 405 6021

Cullohill St Vincent de Paul

Will hold their Christmas collection on Saturday 13th December, before Mass. Your generous support is greatly Appreciated

Parish Office Has Moved!

You can now visit the Parish Office in the old Community Employment premises, to book anniversaries, Baptisms etc and buy signed Mass cards and other religious items. Entry from the Church car park. The Community Employment office is now situated where we were.

Have Your Say about your Catholic School

For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start: The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December '25 See - https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-

school-survey/