MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Patrick Creagh & deceased members of his family.
Tom Bowe, Grogan & deceased members of the Bowe & Egan Families.
Richard, Dickie & Mollie Cahill, Moore St.

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2026

Errill 9.30 am: Kathleen O'Connell, Glosha Road.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Tues. to Friday: Mass at 10am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Johnny Keegan, Barney Lane, Months Mind
Noreen Conroy (nee Finane) Portlaoise & Mooreville
Rita Ryan (nee Finane) Dublin & Mooreville.
Sean & Mary Campion, Johnstown Glebe

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2026

Errill 9.30 am: Mick Bergin, Coolowley

Recent Death: Theresa Murnane (nee Phelan) Limerick & late of Rathdowney.

Anniversaries: Peggy & Andy Ryan, Kilcommon
Mary Gray, Daly Terrace
Mary Cahill, Daly Terrace & her son Seamus
Eddie & Maisie O'Brien, Quigley Pk & their deceased family members.

Collections **Weekend 14th / 15th Nov 2026**

Loose Plate - €239 Envelopes - €1161

Adoration

Adoration in Rathdowney on Thursday after 10am Mass
and in Errill on Friday from 10.30am to 11.30am
Rosary available each evening - Monday to Friday at 5.30pm on the Webcam.

Rathdowney Errill GAA Club Annual Auction

Sunday 29th November in Rathdowney GAA Grounds at 2pm.
Auction of Timber, Turf & Farming products. Cake sale & chance to win load of Timber.
We are delighted to welcome Rathdowney River Erkina Choir
who will get us into Christmas spirit by performing on day.

Errill Drama Group

Errill Drama Group presents "The Cheque is in the Post", written by Alice Lynch, a hilarious comedy in St. Bernadette's Community Hall on Friday 20th, Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd November. This will be a great night's entertainment not to be missed. Curtain up at 8:00 pm. Admission €12 at the door. There will be a raffle also for some lovely prizes. Your support is very much welcomed.

Errill Walks Group

Errill Walks Group will lead a pre-Christmas walk to the Derries on Sunday, 22nd of November.
All are invited to join. Group will meet in the church car park directly after Mass.

Errill NS Parents' Association

Used clothing collection
THURS 26th, Nov, St. Bernadette's Hall (R32 A3KN), 1.30-3.30pm and 6.30-8pm
SUN 29th Nov, drop off point at a trailer in the village, 9.30-11am
MON 30th Nov, St. Bernadette's Hall, 8.30-9.30am
We will be holding a **Bake Sale** in Dowling's Pub on Sun 6th December from 10.30am to 12pm. Any donations of baked goods, children's books, sports jerseys and Christmas jumpers greatly appreciated.

Newsletter for the Parishes of Durrow and Rathdowney
21st / 22nd November
Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

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Towards Peace Helpline: 01-505 3028
www.towardspeace.ie

Parish Representatives
Rathdowney
John Casey & Helen Campion
Durrow
Michael Killeen & Sarah Brophy

Pastoral Council Members

Rathdowney

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; Seamus Clancy; Liam Kavanagh; Pádraig Kiely; Anne-Marie Kiely
Sr. Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney

Parish Office Opening Hours

Rathdowney: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9.30am - 2pm & Friday 9.30am - 1pm
Durrow: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
10 am to 2 pm

Advent Retreat

Friday November 27th (arrive between 4 & 5pm) to Sunday November 29th
Come away and rest awhile in the grounds of St. Patrick's Missionary Society set in the beautiful landscape of Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow
To pause to reflect and to celebrate your unique journey as we await the celebration of new life
Price €315 Contact slianchroi@spms.ie or phone 089 4690508

Rathdowney Social Services Christmas Party

Will take place on Saturday 28th November at 1 pm in Cuan Bhride
Contact Agnes: 087 7672056.

Gala Concert

Thurles Cathedral Choir accompanied by the Clonmel Concert Band with Special Guests, in Thurles Cathedral, Sunday November 29th, 7.30 p.m.
Donations towards Cathedral Reroofing Project.

Community Employment Vacancies

The Community Employment Projects in Durrow and Rathdowney have a number of vacancies. Contact Durrow CE pauline@durrowcs.com or Rathdowney CE admin@rceg.ie for details.
All positions require a basic level of spoken English and training for the specific role will be provided where necessary. All roles are for 19.5 hours per week or 39 hours per fortnight. To find out more see www.jobsireland.ie and search for Community Employment Jobs in Laois. If you work on Community Employment (after 1/1/2027) you will receive a payment equivalent to your Social Welfare with a 'top up' of €35 each week and subject to a minimum payment of €299. You will also retain secondary entitlements such as medical card, rent allowance, fuel allowance and back to school clothing and footwear allowance. A training programme will be devised for you to upskill for the open job market, doing training provided for free through the Community Employment training fund while you are in our employment.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30 pm: Mary Bergin, Gurteen, Cullohill
Kay Mahony, Dereen, Durrow

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2026

Durrow 11 am: Elizabeth Tynan, Rath, Dunmore. Months Mind.
Edmund (Eamonn) Rafter, Knockanoran. 1st Anniv.
Vera & Jimmy Fogarty, Dereen.
Kathleen Walsh, Carrigan St.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Monday to Friday: Due to Canon O'Doherty's illness there will be no daily Mass this week.

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30 pm: Margaret (Peg) Fitzpatrick, Gurteen 1st Anniversary
Caroline Dunne nee Dollard, Clane, Cullohill.

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2026

Durrow 11 am: Paddy & Patrick Soames, St Fintan's Terrace
James Holohan, Tinweir, Durrow
Sean Rafter, Knockanoran, Durrow
Betty Dunphy, St Fintan's Terrace.

Recent Death: Baby Rían Kelly, Barnhill, Durrow.

Anniversaries: Mary Clancy, Carrigan St., Durrow

Collections **Weekend 14th / 15th November 2026**

Loose Plate - €557 Envelopes - €1954

Adoration

Adoration in Cullohill Church every Thursday morning from 10am - 11am, in Durrow from 9.15am to 11.30am on Mondays and on Fridays from 7-8pm.



Christmas Concert

Michael English, featuring Durrow and Cullohill Parish Choirs Sunday 6th December 2026 in Holy Trinity Church, Durrow. Doors open at 5 pm for 6 pm start. A festive evening of Songs, Stories, Faith & Inspiration

Tickets €30 available from both of our Parish Offices (opening times below) Or through www.michaelenglish.ie (where booking fee applies) Parish Office Opening Hours Rathdowney: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.30 - 2pm & Friday 9.30am - 1pm Durrow: Wednesday & Thursday 10am - 2pm & Friday 11am to 2pm

Ireland's 3rd National First Saturdays Conference

This year's conference will take place in Knock on Saturday November 28th. The day begins at 10am and finishes at 5pm. It includes Holy Mass, adoration, talks, and a healing service. Speakers include: Fr Patrick Cahill, Geraldine O'Donnell, Fr Leon Pereira OP, Nikki Kingsley, Fr Marius O'Reilly, Fr. Jaimie Twohig, Christine O'Hara, Fr. Mark Quinn, and Fr Philip Kemmy, Fr. John Keane will lead a Eucharistic Healing Service. More information and the list of buses going are available on www.firstsaturdays.ie. At Fatima Our Lady promised that if we did what she asked there would be peace in the world and that many souls would be saved.