

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

8.30pm Errill:

Patrick Creagh & deceased members
of the Creagh Family, Ballybuggy.
Kathleen O'Connell, Johnstown Road
Alan Grant, Cuan Bhride

Sun. 10.30 am Rathdowney:

Maureen Flynn, Adelaide and formerly Rathdowney
Eddie O'Brien, Quigley Park
Mary Cahill, Daly Terrace

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

RATHDOWNEY

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday 10 am:

Deceased members of the Sheath & Birkett Families,
Scunthorpe.

Wednesday 10 am: Jack & Mary Maguire, Errill Village

Thurs & Friday: Mass at 10 am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 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

Recent Deaths:

John (Jack) Dunphy, Oldtown, Cullohill

Maureen Flynn, Adelaide and formerly Rathdowney.

Predeceased by her husband John Flynn and son John Flynn.

Anniversaries at this time:

James and Richard Holohan, Kylemelawn.

Collections Weekend 12th/13th November 2022

Weekly Envelopes €1004 Offertory €190.30

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

Rathdowney Parish Newsletter

19th & 20th November 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Parish Pastoral Council Members

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

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.

Safeguarding Sunday

On 20th November we celebrate Safeguarding
Sunday, a chance to acknowledge mistakes of the past
while publicly recognising huge strides being made.
We also remind those who experienced abuse of the
support services Towards Healing and Towards Peace

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

Sacred Heart Church, Templemore

Present Liam Lawton in Concert

in aid of Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association on
Sunday 11th December at 7.30 pm

Tickets €25 from The Parish Office, Templemore 0504 35772

Bag to School Clothes Collection

In aid of Errill NS. Drop clothes to Ray's Bar on Thurs.
24th Nov 6.30 to 8.30 pm or Friday 25th Nov. 9-10.30 am.
Information on items accepted at www.bag2school.ie
under 'What We Collect'

SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person

Kathleen Sherry —085 8021633

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Gardaí 1800 555 222

TUSLA – Laois/Offaly 090 648 3106

Parish Representatives

Helen Campion & John Casey

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A Message from Fr Martin

Last year when I became Administrator of Durrow and Cullohill parish we had a joint meeting of the Rathdowney and Durrow Parish Pastoral Councils. Among the topics we had to discuss was a revised Mass schedule for both parishes. One of the criteria for deciding a new schedule was that I be able to celebrate one mass each weekend in either Durrow or Cullohill . Secondly, in the event of me being the only priest between the two parishes the schedule would be such that I could celebrate all the weekend Masses. This meant that there had to be an hour and a half between the two Masses on Saturday evening and again on Sunday morning.

After much debate about various options the two Parish Pastoral Councils agreed on the Mass schedule we have been operating since last year. Saturday: Cullohill at 7pm and Errill at 8.30pm. Sunday: Rathdowney at 10.30am and Durrow at 12 noon. (An extra Mass was scheduled for Durrow on Saturday evening at 7.30pm to facilitate Canon Sean O'Doherty who is retired, to able to celebrate a public Mass at weekends. When Canon Sean is not available the 7.30pm Mass on Saturday is not celebrated)

It was agreed that we would review the Mass schedule after about a year and that is now what we plan to do. There will be a joint meeting of the two Parish Pastoral Councils on Tuesday 22nd of November. In advance of that meeting, I would like all parishioners in both parishes to reflect on this issue and if you have any ideas or feedback I would be very grateful if you would contact me or any member of the Pastoral Council in either parish.

I realise that no schedule suits everyone but given the realities on the ground we have to take into consideration the needs of both parish communities. Thank you for your continued cooperation and consideration.

Fr. Martin