

**MASSES THIS WEEKEND**

**8.30pm Errill:**

**Sun. 10.30 am Rathdowney:**

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK**

**RATHDOWNEY**

**Monday & Tuesday:** No Mass

**Wed & Thurs:** Mass at 10 am

**Friday 6th January Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**

Mass at 10 am

**MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

**Sat. 8.30 pm Errill:**

**Jer Campion, Coolkerry**

**Thomas & Mary Wall, Rossmore**

**Dillon Daly, Portlaoise & his great grandfather Mixie Daly**

**Sunday 10.30 am Rathdowney:**

**Kathleen Lupton & deceased members  
of the White Family, Coolkerry.**

**Oliver Browne, Moore Street**

**Margaret (Peg) Smeaton, Church Street**

**Recent Deaths:**

**Maureen McHugh** (nee Barrett), Old Deerpark, Ballyfin  
(Mother of JJ McHugh)

**Phyllis Prendergast (nee Whelan)** Dun Laoghaire and late of  
Ballyedmond.

**Maura O'Sullivan (nee Shanahan)**, Ardfinnan, Tipperary (sister  
of Sheila Bracken)

**Anniversaries at this time:**

**Jer and Teresa Dowling, Knockardgannon.**

**Collections Weekend 24th/25th December 2022**

**Weekly Envelopes €4282.10 Offertory €1093.40**

**Adoration**

There will be no Adoration in Rathdowney until Thursday  
12th Jan 2023 or in Errill until Friday 13th Jan 2023.

Rosary will continue each evening

**Monday to Friday at 5.30 pm available on the Webcam**

**PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

**Monday – Closed**

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30 to 2pm**

**Friday 9.30 to 1 pm**

**Rathdowney Parish Newsletter**

**31st December 2022/ 1st January 2023**

**Mary the Holy Mother of God**

**Parish Office**

**Darina Ní Cholmáin / Maureen Guilfoyle**

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**Fr. Martin Delaney 086 2444594 - Sr. Anita O'Leary 087 4301072**

**St. Colmcille's N.S. Enrolment 2023/2024**

Applications for enrolment for the 2023/2024 school  
year will be accepted from January 5th 2023 to  
February 3rd 2023. Forms will be available from  
January 5th 2023 in the school (0505 44228) or may be  
downloaded from the school website  
at [www.errillns.ie](http://www.errillns.ie) .

**A THOUGHT AS THE NEW YEAR BEGINS**

When the song of the angels is stilled

When the star in the sky is gone

When the kings and princes are home

When the shepherds are back with their flocks

The work of Christmas begins:

to find the lost

to heal the broken

to feed the hungry

to rebuild the nations

to bring peace among the people

to make music in the heart.

*(Howard Thurman)*

**SAFEGUARDING**

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**Parish Representatives**

**Helen Campion & John Casey**

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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

**Fr. Tom McGree Retirement**

Fr. Tom McGree CC Cullohill will be retiring fully from  
active ministry effective the 1st of January 2023.

Outside of Kilkenny city, Durrow and Cullohill was the only  
parish in the diocese that continued to have a Curate or As-  
sistant priest.

This development means that I am now the only priest  
assigned to Durrow, Cullohill, Rathdowney and Errill.

I will be asking the Pastoral Councils from both parishes to  
come together again to discuss the new situation and plan  
how together, we can continue to provide the most effective  
ministry and service in both communities.

*Fr. Martin*

**Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus,**

**I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of  
the Eucharist.**

**I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.**

**Never permit me to be separated from you.**

**Amen**

