

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sat. 6pm Rathdowney

Rita Ryan (nee Finane) Dublin & formerly Rathdowney 1st Anniv.
Sally & Joe Kennedy & their daughter Eileen.
Sean & Mary Campion, Johnstown Glebe

Sunday 10.00 am Errill

Peter Delaney, Clonmeen & Paddy Kelly, Ballycoolid.
Michael Campion, Lisduff & his parents Michael & Johanna
Delia & Pat Phelan, Glebe House, Donaghmore.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK— IN RATHDOWNEY

Monday: No Mass

Tues 10am: Jim Robinson, Ballagh

Wed to Friday: Mass at 10 am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 6pm Rathdowney - First Communion Preparation Mass

Lily Murray, Daly Terrace
John Carroll, Castletown, Donaghmore.

Sun. 10.00 am Errill:

Mary & Pat Keane, Castlefleming
Charlie Campion, Lisduff.
Joe & Kathleen Bergin, Ballybuggy

Recent Deaths:

Anthony (Tony) Ryan, Rearcross, Tipperary
Nancy Kavanagh, St Fergal's Park, Ballacolla.
John (Jack) Delaney, Kyledellig
Michael Harrison, Freshford & late of Ballagh, Errill

Anniversaries at this time:

James & Annie Bowe, Rathdowney; Maisie Gorman, Errill;
Danny & Jean Carthy, Moore Street; Ann Howard, Pound St;
Michael Conroy, Akip; John Madden, England & Turfarney;
Patrick & Julia Mahon, Harristown; Peter Gray, Knockiel.

Collections Weekend 2nd/3rd December 2023

Weekly Envelopes €757.50
Offertory Collection: €181.00

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
Adoration will finish for the Christmas Period on the week
ending Friday 22nd December and recommence at the end of
January.

Rathdowney Parish Newsletter

9th/10th December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

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St Vincent de Paul

The annual St Vincent de Paul collection will take
place at both Masses this weekend

Bambinelli Sunday

This year we plan to celebrate a wonderful tradition
from Italy where on the Third Sunday of Advent,
Families are invited to bring to Mass the infant Jesus
from their own crib at home.

During the Mass the Infant Figure will be Blessed in
preparation for Christmas.

Please bring the Infant Jesus from your crib to the
6pm Mass in Rathdowney next Saturday and we will
have the special Bambinelli Blessing

Official Launch of Town Centre First Plan

Join the Rathdowney Town Team & Laois County
Council at the Official Launch of the Town Centre
First Plan on Tuesday 12th December at 6 pm in the
Marian Centre.

We will also be launching WIFI4EU, which is now
available in the town.

Special guest on the night - Musician Paul O'Brien
from the High Kings.

Refreshments available.

All Welcome.

St. Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop

Now open 5 days a week (Mon - Fri) 9-30am till
5.00pm. The shop has a great selection of Nativity
Sets, Christmas Cards, Christmas Mass Bouquets,
spiritual books and other religious gifts.

Selection of Calendars, Catholic Diaries for 2024,
Bibles and a wide range of Children Stories Picture
Bibles also available.

SAFEGUARDING

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Parish Representatives
Helen Campion & John Casey

Parish Pastoral Council Members

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

Rathdowney GAA Lotto Results

No jackpot winner. Numbers drawn: 1, 8, 12 & 14
10 winners of €15: Geraldine Browne, Tommy Hickey, Saoirse
Callaghan, Mark Lane, Stephen Carroll Jnr, Kieran
Browne, Richie Flaherty, David McKelvey, Kieran Brennan &
Joe Whelan. Next week's jackpot €7,850,
Tickets can be bought in all shops or from any local promoter.

Errill GAA Lotto Results

No jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 19, 21, 27 & 29
No match 3 winners
5 winners of €20: Fran Carroll, John Dalton, Margaret Keane,
Nicola Ryan & Willie Campion. Next week's jackpot is €9,000.
Tickets can be bought in all shops or from any local promoter.

Christmas Mass Arrangements

Saturday 23rd

11am Durrow
6 pm Rathdowney
7.30 pm Durrow
7.30 pm Cullohill



Sunday 24th - Christmas Eve

There will be no 10am Mass in Errill
11.15 am Durrow
4.30 pm Durrow (Family Mass)
6 pm Rathdowney (Family Mass)
7.30 pm Cullohill
9 pm Errill

Monday 25th - Christmas Day

8 am Community Garden Rathdowney
(Weather Permitting, Otherwise Mass will be in the Church)
10 am Errill
11.15 am Durrow