

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY

Rathdowney 6 pm

Tommy & Mary Murphy, Borrismore, Urlingford
John Peters, Mooreville
John O'Shea, Templequain

SUNDAY - CHRISTMAS EVE

Rathdowney 6 pm

Family Mass

Errill 9 pm

William Delaney, Rossmore.
Helen Feeney, Templemore

MONDAY - CHRISTMAS DAY

Community Garden, Rathdowney 8 am

Jack & Frances Flanagan, Tullacommon

Errill 10 am:

Brendan Walsh, Errill Village

MASSES DURING THE WEEK—IN RATHDOWNEY

Tues St Stephen's Day: Mass at 10 am

Wed to Friday Mass at 10 am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY

Rathdowney 6 pm

Lot Campion, Kyle 1st Anniversary
Mary O'Sullivan, Moore Street, 1st Anniversary
Liz & Eddie Bergin, Daly Terrace.

SUNDAY

Errill 10am

Jer & Teresa Dowling, Knockardgannon

Recent Deaths:

Peggy Cronin nee Howard, London & formerly Rathdowney

Catherine (Kitty) Campion (nee Horgan), Tipperary & Rathdowney

Christmas Remembrance & Anniversaries:

Johnny & Mary Flanagan, Castlefleming;

Timothy & Catherine Flanagan;

Michael Flanagan; Richard Whelan, Mooreville;

Mick Ryan, Lyroque;

Alice, John & John Joe Fitzpatrick, Kilcoran.

Patrick & Michael White, Mooreville

Collections Weekend 16th/17th December 2023

Weekly Envelopes €2691.50 Offertory Collection: €258.50

Adoration

Adoration will recommence in Rathdowney and Errill at the end of January.

Rathdowney GAA Lotto Results

No jackpot winner. Numbers drawn: 10, 14, 21 & 24. 10 winners of €15: Nicole Holohan, David Moynan, Mark Aylward, Adrian Stanley, Anne Kavanagh, Berna Moynan, J. Sinnott, Marion O'Brien, Staff/Clarkes Pharmacy & Patrick Meehan.

Next week's jackpot €8,000,

Christmas Draw: €50 - Mary Dowling; €30 - Margaret Mahon; €20 - Sharon Browne

Errill GAA Lotto Results

No jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3, 9, 12 & 26.

2 x match 3 - David Walsh c/o P. O'Dea; Angela Campion, Clonmeen.

Next Draw - 8th January Jackpot €9,300.

Christmas Draw

€50 John Kelly; €50 Pat Bowe, Clonmeen; €50 Helen Fortune; €50 Patricia Byrne

Newsletter for the Parishes of Durrow and Rathdowney 24th/25th December 2023 Christmas

New Beginnings

Welcome to our new Parish Newsletter. The Newsletter is now a joint weekly publication for the Parishes of Durrow and Rathdowney. Since my appointment as Parish Priest of both parishes in 2021 I have been trying to explore ways where we can work together while still acknowledging and preserving the unique identity of both parishes. Our two Parish Pastoral Councils have met together in joint session in the last few years to work on projects like the revised Mass Schedule. The new format of the newsletter is also as a result of the two pastoral councils working together. Our Parish secretary, Darina, divides her time between both parish offices and Sr. Anita, our Parish Sister works on sacramental preparation and other ministries in both communities. For me personally, I have enjoyed the opportunities to get to know and work with new people, but it has also presented me with the greatest challenge of my priesthood so far.

The shortage of priests available to minister within the diocese has necessitated these new arrangements where a priest is responsible for more than one parish. This situation is very likely to develop further in the years ahead. Our new bishop has made it his priority to help parishes to work in closer cooperation with each other. I hope that our new joint newsletter will be a help in furthering a greater understanding and cooperation between the Parishes of Durrow/Cullohill and Rathdowney/Errill.

The readings and prayers for Mass will now be available on a separate leaflet. I want to thank all those who have helped get our new newsletter into production. I thank our sponsors and advertisers whose help has allowed us to produce a high quality publication.

Wishing all of you a very happy and Blessed Christmas and may 2024 bring many uplifting moments.

Fr. Martin



If you wish to have the name of your deceased family member included in our weekly newsletter, please contact the parish office in person / by email durrow@ossory.ie / rathdowney@ossory.ie or phone (Durrow) 085 26 25 033 / (Rathdowney) 0505 46272 by midday on Thursday.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

SATURDAY

Durrow 11am:

Cullohill 7.30pm:

Mary Bergin, Months Mind
Statia Dunne, 1st Anniversary

Durrow 7.30pm:

Elizabeth Monohan,

SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVE:

Durrow 11.15am:

Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Durrow 4.30pm:

Family Mass

Cullohill 7.30pm:

MONDAY - CHRISTMAS DAY:

Durrow 11.15am:

Patrick & Peter Kavanagh, Carrigan St

TUESDAY - ST STEPHEN'S DAY

Durrow 11 am

Wed- Friday:

Durrow 8.50am

Recent Death:

Harold Lawlor, Floraville, Durrow

Anniversaries:

James & Bridie Hennessey, Chapel St
Pat Warner

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY

Cullohill 7.30 pm:

Peggy Dunphy, Months Mind

Gabriel Muldowney, Ballynevin

Durrow 7.30 pm:

Anna May Kenna

SUNDAY

Durrow 11.15 am:

Collections Weekend 16th/17th December 2023

Offertory - 3 Masses

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**Both Parish Offices will be closed for Christmas
until Monday 8th January 2024**

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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; Carmel Ruane;

Mary Ryan; Vicky Murphy;

Margaret Murphy; Seamus Clancy;

Sr. Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney