

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY

Rathdowney 12 Noon Funeral Mass for Betty O'Brien, Donaghmore

Rathdowney 6 pm

Sonny O'Connor, Lismorougha, Edward Dowling, Harristown
& Andy Dowling, Clonmeen.

John, Josie & Jackie Kilcare, Donaghmore

John & Catherine Dalton, Clonmeen

& deceased members of the Dalton Family

SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY

Errill 10am

Betty Taplin, Raheny & late of Rossmore Months Mind

Jimmy Hayes & deceased members of the Hayes Family, Clonmeen.

Peg & Jim Fox, Kylemelawn.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK—IN RATHDOWNEY

Tuesday to Friday: Mass at 10 am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY

Rathdowney 6 pm

Niamh Hickey, Ossory Terrace

Nora Browne, Daly Terrace

Colm Morgan & deceased members of the family, England

SUNDAY 28TH JANUARY

Errill 10am

Michael & Mary Fitzgerald, Church St, Teresa & their son Michael Junior
Jack Tynan, Kyleahaw

Recent Deaths: Betty O'Brien (nee Bracken), Donaghmore
James (Jim) Molloy
Seamus Bracken, Cascade Street.

Anniversaries

Paddy Madden, Turfarney; Winifred Cleary, Errill Village; Lizzie Cleary, Cuan
Bhríde; Kieran Mullins, Mooreville; Michael John Phelan, Glosha; Edward
Keane, School Hse, Errill.

Collections Weekend 13th / 14th January 2024

Weekly Envelopes € 1256 Loose Plate: € 269

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

St. Colmcille's N.S. Errill

Enrolment 2024 / 2025

Applications for enrolment for the 2024 / 2025 school year will be accepted
until February 2nd 2024. Forms are available from the school (0505 44228
or office@errillns.ie) our Admissions Notice is available on our school
website: www.errillns.ie

Grandparent's Day

Sunday, 21st January, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2024.

During this week the aim is to celebrate the unique contribution that
Catholic schools make to their communities.

This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Communities of Service.

Errill NS is joining in the celebrations by having a Grandparents Day service
in Errill Church on Wednesday 24th of January at 1:45 pm

Newsletter for the Parishes of
Durrow and Rathdowney
20th / 21st January 2024
3rd Sunday of The Year

Pastoral Council Members

Durrow

Martin Lawlor; Mary Lawlor;

James Walsh; Carmel Ruane;

Mary Ryan; Vicky Murphy;

Margaret Murphy; Seamus Clancy;

Sr. Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney

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

SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person - Ailish Higgins - 085 802 1633

safeguarding@ossory.ie

Gardaí 1800 555 222 / TUSLA – Laois/Offaly 044 935 3997

Parish Representatives

Rathdowney - John Casey & Helen Campion

Durrow - Michael Killeen & Sarah Brophy

Sad homecoming for Fr. Sylvanus

As Fr. Sylvanus was about to board his plane in Dublin last week to return
home to Nigeria, he received word that the house he lives in was destroyed
by fire that day. This is a building he shares with other colleagues. Thankfully
nobody was killed or injured but all of Fr. Sylvanus' possessions were lost in
the fire including books, clothes technical equipment etc. While naturally
Sylvanus was very upset he was also quite philosophical about it. We plan to
send him some money to replace what he lost so if anyone would like to
make a donation to that fund please drop it into the parish offices or use the
donate system on the Rathdowney parish website.
I know that Sylvanus will deeply appreciate your support.

Fr. Martin

Funeral Catering Group

I mentioned a while ago that I would like to re-establish the group which
offered catering in the Marian Centre in Rathdowney to families after a
funeral. Pre Covid this was a popular option for many families.
Trish Maher has kindly agreed to Co-ordinate this group and I'm asking for a
small number of volunteers to join her. If you feel you can give your time to
this valuable service, please contact the Parish Office in Rathdowney or call
Trish directly on 087974 1420

Fr. Martin

Prayers for Christian Unity

An Ecumenical Service will take place in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown,
Co. Laois on Sunday 28th January at 3pm as part of Christian Unity Week.
Representatives from different Christian denominations will be in attendance.
All are welcome as we gather to pray and reflect with our Christian brothers
and sisters. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the De La Salle Centre.

We welcome into Rathdowney Parish Community

Harper Edelle Grace

who is being baptised this weekend



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Cullohill 7.30 pm: Catherine Carroll, Rathdowney
Paddy Madden, Turfarney

Durrow 7.30 pm: Ned O'Brien, Mill Road

SUNDAY 21st JANUARY

Durrow 11.15 am: Maeve Thornton, 1st Anniversary
John Soames, Durrow
Jer & Bridie Martin, Bunlacken

Durrow Monday to Friday 8.50am:
Durrow Saturday 11.00 am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

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Cullohill 7.30 pm: Kieran Costigan, Cannonswood
Durrow 7.30 pm: Eileen Sheppard, St Fintans Terrace

SUNDAY 28th JANUARY

Durrow 11.15 am: Harold Lawlor, Months Mind & his wife, Sheila

Recent Death: Betty O'Brien (nee Bracken), Donaghmore

Anniversaries:

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Loose Plate - € 400 Envelopes - € 2,959

Adoration

Adoration in Cullohill Church every Thursday morning from 9 - 9.30am,
and in Durrow directly after 8.50 a m Mass (finishes at 11.30 am) on Mondays .
From 2nd Feb there will also be adoration in Durrow on Fridays from 7-8pm.

Durrow Community Services CE Project

Durrow Community Services currently have the following vacancies:
Environmental Worker in Durrow, Cullohill & Ballacolla; Groundskeeper in
Durrow; Office Administrator in Durrow.

As per the Department of Social Protection requirements, the positions are
19.5 hours per week and you must be on a Social Welfare payment for
minimum of 12 months to apply.

Please contact Astrid Andersson on 057 8736870 or andersson@durrowcs.com
for further information

Durrow St Vincent DePaul

Confidential Helpline Number has been changed to 083 405 6021

Kilquan Drama Group

present "Separate Beds" by Sam Cree. Comedy in Three Acts in Coon Hall
(Eir-Code R93 EC89) on 3rd to 5th February, 2024 and on 10th and 11th February,
2024 at 8.00 pm nightly. Admission €10.

Durrow Bridge Club

Club meetings continue on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Castle Arms Hotel.
All are most welcome.

Art Classes

Classes will commence shortly on Tuesdays/ Thursday from 7 to 9 pm and
Wednesday Morning from 11am to 1 pm. Classes will be of small numbers.
Contact Frances Duggan, Granstown on 086 3068372

Grásta

Preparing for Marriage? Weekend residential courses available. 26-28 April
and 20-22 September 2024. Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org