MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

Rathdowney 6 pm:	SATURDAY 20th April Maisie & Eddie O'Brien, Quigley Park Billy & Georgina Keyes, Cuan Bhride & formerly Borohan Peter Bateson, Mooreville	
Errill 10am:	SUNDAY 21st April Kieran Grogan, School Rd, Errill 1st Anniversary Betty & Tim Keane, Monamondra, Errill Charlie Grogan, Errill	
Masses During the Week		
Monday - Rathdowney Tues Rathdowney 10am Wed Rathdowney	No Mass Eddie Power Mass at 10 am	
Thurs Rathdowney 10 a	Drake & Fields Families.	
Friday Rathdowney	Mass at 10 am	
MASSES NEXT WEEKEND		
Saturday 27th April		
Rathdowney 6 pm	Catherine (Rene) Lediard (nee Fanning), Golf Links Rd 1st Anniversary Margaret & Martin Finn, Conoboro Joe Bowe, London & formerly Moore St.	
Sunday 28th April		
Errill 10am:	Deceased members of the Delaney Family, Errill Village Mick & Bridie Keyes, Pounds Hill, Errill Br Tom Gorman, Errill	
Alan	ent Cleere, Harristown Moore, Borohan y Keegan, Daly Terrace	
Collections Weekend 13th / 14th April 2024 Loose Plate - € 386 Envelopes - € 1,957		

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 on the Webcam

We welcome into Rathdowney Parish Community Charlie Stephen O'Donnell who is being baptised this weekend



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

will be observed on Sunday, April 21st, 2024. It is also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' because the Gospel is always from John chapter 10 where Jesus speaks of himself as being a caring shepherd. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfil the Lords instruction when he asked us: "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest"; (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). A whole year has been dedicated to prayer and promotion of the vocation to the diocesan priesthood. The theme of the year was entitled 'TAKE THE RISK FOR CHRIST'. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lords call to the priesthood and religious life and the Church will always be having pastors who care for God's people with the heart of Christ himself.

Newsletter for the Parishes of **Durrow and Rathdowney** 20th / 21st April Fourth Sunday of Easter - Vocations Sunday Conversations with Women in the Bible **Pastoral Council Members** Exploring insights from their stories and Rathdowney God's transforming presence in their lives. **Durrow** Assumpta Casey; Helen Campion; Speaker Therese Fitzgerald Tony Holohan; Fran Doyle; Venue: The Pembroke Hotel, Kilkenny Saturday: Maureen Guilfoyle; Oliver Kennedy; Date: 11th May 2024 Mary Nolan; Mary O'Dea; Time: 10am - 4.30pm Tadhg Keane; Cost: €20 Sr Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney Please book before 7th May by contacting Sara or Catherina at 056-77 22870 (9-5) Durrow email: regionaloffice@ssjg.ie Martin Lawlor; Mary Lawlor; James Booking essential Walsh; Carmel Ruane; Mary Ryan; Vicky Murphy; Folly Festival 2024 Margaret Murphy; Seamus Clancy; A village ticket office will open between Durrow 11.15 am: Sr. Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney 11 am and 1 pm on Sunday 21st and Sunday 28th April at Cullohill Escorted Tour Community Centre to purchase Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 12th May Early Bird Weekend Tickets at €60 and 2024. €849.00 pps. Price includes save the online booking charge. return Bus/Train, 5 nights in 4* The Early Bird Offer will soon end so Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with please ensure you get your tickets early! Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on

Give Blood

1 in 4 of us will need a blood transfusion in our lifetime... ...and 1 blood donation can save 3 lives. The Blood Transfusion Board will be in The Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow Wednesday 24th April 2024 15.45pm to 20.00pm Call 1800 222 111 to book an appointment Check your eligibility at giveblood.ie

Christmas Concert 🛛 🕍

We are delighted to announce that Daniel O'Donnell and his band will once again entertain us in concert on Sunday 1st December 2024 at 6 pm (doors open at 5.30)

Tickets will go on sale on Wednesday 1st May from 11 am to 2 pm at the Parish Office (in person only) priced at €40 A €1 transaction charge will be added to all card payments. Tickets will not be available through our website. This is Daniel's Only Christmas Concert in Ireland in 2024

three days. All entertainment,

excursions and transport

included. Visit Knock, Galway City,

Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick,

Ballintubber Abbey & Ashford

Castle. Single supplement on

Enquiry.

Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890236 or

email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Cullohill 7.30 pm:

Durrow 7.30 pm:

Durrow 11.15 am: Monday - Friday:

Cullohill 7.30 pm: Durrow 7.30 pm:

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SATURDAY 20th April

Betty Ryan, Ballybooden Jack Drennan, Oldtown

SUNDAY 21st April

8.50am 11am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 27th April

SUNDAY 28thApril

Pilar Delaney, Months Mind

Collections Weekend 13th / 14th April 2024 Loose Plate - € 313 Envelopes - € 1,336

Adoration

Adoration in Cullohill Church every Thursday morning from 8.50-9.50am, in Durrow directly after 8.50 am Mass (finishes at 11.30 am) on Mondays and on Fridays from 7-8pm.

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 46282 by midday on Thursday.

Parish Shops

Both parish shops have a new range of gifts in stock for First Communion, Christenings and other events. Candles, Rosary Bracelets, Crosses & Chains, Rosary Beads, Bibles, Grave Ornaments Come in and have a look!

Welcome back The Altar Servers.

One of the many casualties of Covid 19 was the demise of the ministry of Altar Server. To be honest I feared we might not see Altar Servers again. Our Parish Pastoral Councils had asked that we try to encourage new Altar Servers to come forward. Some months ago, we issued an invitation in this Newsletter and I'm absolutely thrilled with the response. In the last few weeks twenty new Altar Servers have begun their ministry in Rathdowney, Cullohill and Errill.

I want to thank the young people for coming forward. Thank you also to their parents for supporting them and ensuring that they can continue to make this important commitment and service to our communities.

Fr. Martin