

<u>MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH</u>	
SATURDAY 22nd MARCH	
Rathdowney 6pm:	Hannah Finane, Mooreville. Anthony McKelvey, Village View Mary & Jack Whelan, Ballyedmond & their sons Peter & Martin.
SUNDAY 23rd MARCH	
Errill 10 am:	Patrick Behan, Clonburren Moor Months Mind. Peg & Jim Fox, Kylemelawn, Errill.
<u>MASSES DURING THE WEEK</u>	
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday 10am:	Rita O’Brien, Errill Road, Rathdowney.
Wednesday 10 am:	John & Bridget Bergin, Coolowley.
Thursday & Friday:	Mass at 10 am
<u>MASSES NEXT WEEKEND</u>	
SATURDAY 29th MARCH	
Rathdowney 6pm:	Kathleen Carroll, Kilbreedy PJ Costigan, Coolkerry Matthew Clancy, Rapla
SUNDAY 30th MARCH	
Errill 10 am:	Kieran O’Dea, Level Meadows Angela Tighe, Kylemelawn Peg McGrath, Clonmeen
Recent Deaths:	
Philly White, Quigley Park.	
Joe Lupton, Crosspatrick.	
Frances Duff, Ballyknocken, Portlaoise.	
Elizabeth (Lill) Boyhan, Currawn, Aghaboe.	
John Williams, Ballyfermot.	
Mary Murphy (nee Grogan) Knockardgannon who died in Mallow.	
Anniversaries:	Mary, John & Bridget Holohan, Middlemount.
<u>Collections Weekend 15th / 16th / 17th March 2025</u>	
Loose Plate - € 605 Envelopes - € 1,691	
<u>Adoration</u>	
Rathdowney on Thursday after Mass until 12 noon	
Errill on Friday from 10am until 12 Noon.	
Rosary will continue each evening - Monday to Friday at 5.30pm on the Webcam	

MICHAEL SUTTON MEMORIAL WALK

In Upperchurch on Saturday 5th April - 4 walks from challenging to buggy friendly. Registration from 11.30 am in Upperchurch Community Centre. Walks will be followed by food and music. Funds raised will be used to build and repair classrooms in the Diocese of Mzuzu in Northern Malawi and to provide textbooks and resources. A group of tradesmen went to Malawi last year and did wonderful work with Bishop John Ryan and local communities.

We look forward to a wonderful day on the 5th April.

Newsletter for the Parishes of Durrow and Rathdowney 22nd / 23rd March 2025 Third Sunday of Lent

<p><u>Parish Office Opening Hours</u></p> <p>Rathdowney Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.30am - 2pm & Friday 9.30am - 1pm</p> <p>Durrow Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10 am to 2 pm</p>	<p><u>Pastoral Council Members</u></p> <p>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</p> <p>Durrow Martin Lawlor; Mary Lawlor; James Walsh; Vicky Murphy; Margaret Murphy; Seamus Clancy; Liam Kavanagh; Pádraig Kiely; Anne-Marie Kiely Sr. Anita O’Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney</p>
<p><u>SAFEGUARDING</u> Designated Liaison Person - Ailish Higgins - 085 802 1633 safeguarding@ossory.ie Gardaí 1800 555 222 / TUSLA – Laois/Offaly 044 935 3997 Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313 416 www.towardshealing.ie Towards Peace Helpline: 01-505 3028 www.towardspeace.ie</p> <p>Parish Representatives Rathdowney John Casey & Helen Campion Durrow Michael Killeen & Sarah Brophy</p>	<p><u>Daffodil Day</u> In aid of Irish Cancer Society will take place in Dunnes Stores and Supervalu on 27th and 28th March.</p> <p>Your continued generous support is much appreciated</p>

Welcome Home..... to God this Lent

Pope Francis declared 2025 as a Jubilee Year of HOPE. A Jubilee Year only occurs every twenty-five years. The idea of a Jubilee Year goes back to ancient Biblical times. In the Bible, the Jubilee was a sacred moment when debts were forgiven, captives were set free, and relationships were restored. Keeping that idea of Jubilee in mind I invite you to use this Lent as an opportunity to avail of God’s mercy and forgiveness, to let go of past burdens and to restore relationships in your life which may have become fractured or broken.

During this Lenten Season there will be a unique opportunity to celebrate God’s forgiveness and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I invite you to this experience which will have three distinct steps.

- On the weekend of **29th/30th March** I will be speaking at all Masses on the theme of forgiveness and the restoring of broken relationships. Then during the following week, I ask everyone to use this time to prepare to celebrate the sacrament. It is a time to reflect on our lives and particularly on those areas where there may be a need to change or a relationship that needs to be healed.
- At all four masses in both parishes on the weekend of **5th /6th of April** there will be an opportunity to come forward to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be four priests available so if you wish, you are invited to come forward at the end of Mass to celebrate the sacrament. You wont need to say anything beyond ‘I ask for God’s forgiveness’. The priest will then pray the words of Absolution with you.
- Following your celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation you will be asked to go and do something practical as a thanksgiving for receiving God’s forgiveness. This could be a random act of kindness, a donation to charity or the seeking out of someone you need to be reconciled with.

Three steps: **Prepare, Celebrate, Begin Afresh.** A unique opportunity to come home to God this Lent


Fr. Martin

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Cullohill 7.30 pm:	Joseph Whyte, Rapla
Durrow 7.30 pm:	
SUNDAY 23rd MARCH	
Durrow 11.15 am:	Michael Soames Anastacia “Maud” Dunne, Dunmore Peadar Duggan, Lakefield & his sister Nancy Duggan
<u>MASSES DURING THE WEEK</u>	
Monday to Friday:	Mass in Durrow at 8.50am
<u>MASSES NEXT WEEKEND</u>	
SATURDAY 29th MARCH	
Cullohill 7.30 pm:	
Durrow 7.30 pm:	Tom & Ellen Lalor
SUNDAY 30th MARCH	
Durrow 11.15 am:	
Anniversaries:	Patrick & Mary Phelan, Dairy Hill, Ballacolla Joan Phelan, Patrick St, Durrow
<u>Collections Weekend 15th / 16th / 17th March 2025</u>	
Loose Plate - €630 Envelopes - € 790	
<u>Adoration</u>	
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.	

We welcome into Durrow Parish Community

Síle Tess Delahunty

who is being baptised this weekend



Please Note

If you are including a cheque in any of your envelopes, please make the cheque payable to Rathdowney Parish or Durrow Parish as appropriate.

These Cheques should not be made payable to Fr Martin or to the name of the Church itself.

Please DO NOT scratch out your envelope number. It is not incorrect, we have renumbered the envelopes.

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

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(Durrow) 085 26 25 033 /

(Rathdowney) 0505 46282 by midday on Thursday.