### MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

Saturday 17th May

Martin Bergin, Donaghmore & deceased members of Rathdowney 6pm:

> the Bergin & Cuddy Families. Peggy Delaney, Cappalinan

Aine Hetherington

Sunday 18th May

Errill 10 am: Marie Grogan, Limerick

James & Margaret Grant, Ballagh

First Holy Communion Rathdowney 11.30am:

Masses During the Week

Monday: No Mass

Tues 10am: Service of the Word & distribution of the Eucharist.

Wed & Thurs Mass at 10am

Friday 10am: Mary Cahill, School Rd, Errill

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 24th May

Michael Dooley, Raheen Donaghmore 1st Anniv. Rathdowney 6pm:

> Kieran Phelan, Donaghmore Eddie Lowry, Cappalinnan

> > Sunday 25th May

Errill 11.30 am: **First Holy Communion** 

**Recent Deaths:** 

Annastasia Campion, Lisduff. Martin Loughman, Ballinasloe & late of Levalley.

**Anniversaries:** Joe Campion, Mooreville.

Collections Weekend 10th / 11th May 2025

Loose Plate - € 310 Envelopes - € 1,339

**Adoration** 

Rathdowney - Thursday after Mass until 12 Noon

Errill - Friday from 10 am to 12 Noon

Rosary will continue each evening - Monday to Friday at 5.30pm on the Webcam

### **Local Cemetery**

There are plans to erect a new cross behind the altar in the Local Cemetery. If you would like to contribute you can leave a donation in the Parish Office

## **Chair Pilates**

In Rathdowney Library Wednesday 21st and 28th May: 12—1pm Booking is essential as places are limited. For more information or to book a place, phone 050546852 or email rathdowneylibrary@laoiscoco.ie

## Parish Shops

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

Come in and have a look! We also carry a large range of signed Mass Cards and Mass Bouquet's for a variety of intentions.

Newsletter for the Parishes of **Durrow and Rathdowney** 17th / 18th May 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter

# **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; Vicky Murphy; Margaret Murphy; Seamus Clancy; Liam Kavanagh; Pádraig Kiely; Anne-Marie Kiely 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 Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313 416 www.towardshealing.ie Towards Peace Helpline: 01-505 3028 www.towardspeace.ie

# **Parish Representatives** Rathdowney

John Casey & Helen Campion Durrow

Michael Killeen & Sarah Brophy

# **Cemetery Masses 2025**

<b>Local Cemetery</b>	Saturday 7th June	6.00pm
Aughmacart	Wednesday 11th June	7.30pm
Kyleogue	Friday 20th June	7.30pm
Bealady	Saturday 21st June	6.00pm
Durrow	Sunday 22nd June	11.15am
Cullohill	Saturday 28th June	7.30pm
Errill	Sunday 29th June	10.00am

# St Brigid's Camogie Club

Clothes Collection every Saturday from 7th June until 28th June 5-6 pm at Dunnes Car Park, Rathdowney. Curtains / Duvets in separate bags.

#### The Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service

is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in your community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments.

If you have a minimum of 2 days per month to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most.

Full training will be provided. There are a number of essential post-drive administration tasks that will require either existing knowledge of basic computer or IT skills, or the willingness to acquire such skills (such as scanning and uploading documents or attending virtual meetings).

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

## A Date for Your Diary

Following its extensive refurbishment St Bernadette's Community Hall, Errill will be officially opened on

## Friday 13th June 2025 at 7:30 pm.

All members of our community are invited to attend. More details to follow

## MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

## Saturday 17th May

Cullohill 7.30pm: PJ Cunningham, Ballybooden

Durrow 7.30 pm:

Sunday 18th May

Durrow 11.15 am: Michael & Peg Fitzpatrick, Tubberboe

Masses During the Week

Monday to Friday: Mass in Durrow at 8.50am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 24th MAY

Cullohill 7.30 pm:

Durrow 7.30 pm: Joe, Ann & Noel Clooney, Erkindale Drive

Sheila Holland Tubberboe

Sunday 25th May

Durrow 11.15 am: Kathleen, Michael John, Eddie & Sr Bridie Bolger,

Cannonswood.

Tillie Ryan, The Square

**Recent Deaths:** 

**Anniversaries:** Jack Alley, The Square, Durrow

Teresa O'Dwyer, Tipperary

Collections Weekend 3rd / 4th May 2025 Loose Plate - €592 Envelopes - € 1,438

## **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.

# **Lourdes Grotto Mass**

On Wednesday, May 21 at 9 am Mass live from the Lourdes Grotto, involving the 3 Diocese of Ossory, Ferns and Raphoe, may be viewed by logging onto the WebCam at www. directfromlourdes.com

# **Information Meeting**

Join us to explore funding opportunities for renovating vacant houses/ supports for new and existing businesses/ community grants on Thursday, 22nd May 2025 from 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM in Bloom HQ, Mountrath, R32 DC58. Organised by Laois County Council, Regeneration Section there will be opportunities to discuss funding options, meet key representatives, learn about grants for businesses & groups & find out how to get involved in Town Teams and share project ideas informally All welcome! Contact cguidera@laoiscoco.ie

# Do you have a family member or friend in a nursing home?

Sr. Anita and I like to visit parishioners who are living in Nursing Homes or other Care settings. Unfortunately, we don't have accurate knowledge about all of our parishioners from Durrow and Cullohill who are in Nursing Homes. I'm asking if you have a relative or know of someone from the parish in any Nursing Home or long-term care centre to please let us know. You can contact me, or Sr. Anita directly or alternatively leave the details in the Parish Office.

Fr. Martin