

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 21st JUNE

Rathdowney 6pm: **Bealady Cemetery Mass**

Margaret Campion, The Glebe Months Mind
Ned & Mary Campion, Bridge View House, Donaghmore
Christina & Paddy Madden, Turfarney & deceased
members of the Madden & Keyes Families.
John, Marcella & Alan Moore, Borohan & Donal Hickey.

SUNDAY 22nd JUNE

Errill : Breda Carroll, Kylemelawn.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Monday: No Mass

Tues to Friday Mass at 10am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 28th JUNE

Rathdowney 6pm:

Evelyn Mooney, Donaghmore
& her parents Michael & Evelyn.
Mary Finane, Kilcoran Road, Rathdowney
Mary Burke, Rathdowney

SUNDAY 29th JUNE

Errill 10am: **Errill Cemetery Mass**

John, Margaret & Joseph Dowling, Clonmeen
John Joseph Flanagan, Castlefleming & Ballagh
Colm Tierney, Errill (Birthday Remembrance.)

Recent Death: Christopher (Noel) Monohan, Westmeath & Rathdowney

Anniversaries: Tim Keane, Monamondra, Errill.

Collections Weekend 14th / 15th June 2025

Loose Plate - € 350 Envelopes - € 834

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

<u>Income and Expenditure</u>		
Rathdowney	2024	2023
<u>Income</u>		
Envelope & Basket Collection	95,268	92,030
Charity Tax Refund	15,278	15,862
Other Income	51,444	15,661
Total	161,990	123,552
<u>Expenditure</u>		
	121,422	132,795

Newsletter for the Parishes of
Durrow and Rathdowney
21st & 22nd June 2025
Corpus Christi

<u>Annual Financial Statements</u>	
This weekend we are publishing the Annual Financial Statements for both parishes. These include the income and expenditure figures for 2024, along with comparisons from 2023. The headline figures are printed here in the newsletter, while a more detailed statement is available on the noticeboards in each of the four churches.	
The overall picture is positive, and on behalf of our parish communities, I sincerely thank all who have contributed so generously and consistently. I also wish to acknowledge the dedicated work, advice, and commitment of the Finance Committees in both parishes. Special thanks to Darina, our Parish Secretary, for her work in managing the parish finances and preparing these statements, and to Margaret O’Dea, who assists Darina each week in counting the proceeds of our envelope and loose plate collections.	
The changes we introduced in early 2024 regarding how contributions are made in Durrow and Cullohill have had a significantly positive impact, putting our parish finances on a more secure footing. A similar change in Rathdowney in 2019 also yielded encouraging results.	
While the overall position is reassuring, I must also highlight some concerning underlying trends. The weekly income figures published here represent contributions from approximately 25% of the Catholic population in both parishes. However, the full range of parish services—Baptisms, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, funerals, weddings, daily and weekend Masses, and more—are provided for, and availed of by, the entire parish population.	
Furthermore , each year, a number of parishioners who have faithfully supported the parish financially pass away, and sadly, they are not always replaced by contributors in the next generation.	
As we continue to provide these essential services, we must also maintain our churches and parish buildings. Salaries for parish staff, as well as significant ongoing costs such as energy and insurance, must be met—and these costs continue to rise each year.	
I am aware that much of what I’ve shared here may only be seen by the 25% who already contribute so faithfully to the finances of our parishes. If you are not currently contributing, I invite you to consider a change of heart. Your support, in whatever way you can offer it, would make a real and lasting difference.	
I also hope this message might spark a wider conversation about how we can best secure the financial future of our parishes—for ourselves, and for the generations yet to come.	
Fr. Martin	

<u>MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH</u>	
<u>SATURDAY 21st JUNE</u>	
Cullohill 7.30pm:	Sr. Sheila Lalor & Deceased members of the Lalor family Ann Dunphy, Oldtown Mary McEvoy, Rapla
Durrow 7.30 pm:	
<u>SUNDAY 22nd JUNE</u>	
Durrow 11.15 am:	Durrow Cemetery Mass
<u>MASSES DURING THE WEEK</u>	
Monday to Friday:	Mass in Durrow at 8.50am
Wednesday, Cullohill 7.30pm:	Rory Deegan, Cullohill
<u>MASSES NEXT WEEKEND</u>	
<u>SATURDAY 28th JUNE</u>	
Cullohill 7.30 pm:	Cullohill Cemetery Mass
Durrow 7.30 pm:	Christy & Josephine Finnegan, Cork Road
<u>SUNDAY 29th JUNE</u>	
Durrow 11.15 am:	Lucy Soames St Fintans Tce
Recent Death:	Eamonn Dunphy, Erkindale Drive, Durrow
Anniversaries:	Thomas & Phyllis Butler, Cork Road Kit Coffey, Barnhill
<u>Collections Weekend 14th / 15th June 2025</u>	
	Loose Plate - €416 Envelopes - € 1,440
<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.	

<u>Income and Expenditure</u>		
Durrow	2024	2023
<u>Income</u>		
Envelope & Basket Collection	106,250	58,140
Charity Tax Refund	0	0
Other Income	35,486	27,456
Total	141,736	85,596
<u>Expenditure</u>	91,945	166,061

Going forward there will be a charity tax refund available for Durrow Parish because with our weekly envelope collections we can verify contributions made.

We welcome into Durrow Parish Community

Harry Robert Coleman

who is being baptised this weekend.

