

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH	
<u>SATURDAY 29th November</u>	
Rathdowney 6pm:	Henry Percy, Templequain. Month’s Mind Paddy & Collette Kavanagh, The Square Sean & Mary Campion, Johnstown Glebe John Gibbons, Mayo & London
<u>SUNDAY 30th November</u>	
Errill 10am:	Noreen Conroy (née Finane) Portlaoise & Mooreville Rita Ryan (née Finane) Dublin & Mooreville Gary & Elizabeth Davy, Clonmeen
<u>Masses During the Week</u>	
Monday:	No Mass
Tuesday:	Mass at 10am
Wednesday 10am:	Service of the Word and distribution of the Eucharist
Thursday & Friday:	Mass at 10am
<u>MASSES NEXT WEEKEND</u>	
<u>SATURDAY 6th December</u>	
Rathdowney 6pm:	Delia & Pat Phelan, Glebe House, Donaghmore Bill & Mai Whelan, The Conoboro Sally Whelan, Castletown, Donaghmore
<u>SUNDAY 7th December</u>	
Errill: 10am:	William Keyes, Knockardgannon 1st Anniversary Stella Higgins, Kildare Thomas & Nora Behan & Paddy & Josie Fox, Errill
Recent Deaths:	Sean White, Ossory Terrace
<u>Monday December 8th</u>	
Feast day of the Immaculate Conception	
Rathdowney 10am:	Eddie & Lil Bergin Daly Terrace
Anniversaries:	John Madden, Turfarney, his sister Maggie, brother Paddy & sister-in-law Chrissie. Letitia, Matt & Will Campion, Coolkerry & their deceased family members.
<u>Collections Weekend 22nd / 23rd Nov 2025</u>	
Loose Plate € 279 Envelopes - € 1,069	
<u>Adoration</u>	
Rathdowney on Thursday after Mass until 12 noon Errill on Friday from 10am until 12 Noon	
<u>Rosary</u> continues each evening Monday to Friday at 5.30pm on the Webcam	

<u>Rathdowney Social Services</u>	
Annual Christmas party will be on Saturday 6th December at 1pm. Contact Agnes on 087-767 2056.	
<u>Michael English in Concert</u>	
Friday 5th December at 8 pm in Ballinakill Church Tickets €30 available on line from Eventbrite and locally from McGrath’s Foodstore, Ballinakill, Brennan’s Shop, Abbeyleix Parish Office & Portlaoise Parish Centre	
<u>Rathdowney / Errill St Vincent de Paul</u>	
There will be a collection for St Vincent de Paul at both Masses next weekend, December 6th & 7th	
<u>Carol Service</u>	
There will be a Candlelit Advent Carol Service at 7pm this Sunday, 30th November (Advent Sunday), at St Patrick’s Church, Donaghmore	

Newsletter for the Parishes of Durrow and Rathdowney 29th / 30th November 2025 First Sunday of Advent	
<u>Pastoral Council Members</u>	<u>SAFEGUARDING</u>
Rathdowney	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
Durrow	Parish Representatives
Martin Lawlor; Mary Lawlor; James Walsh; Vicky Murphy; Margaret Murphy; Liam Kavanagh; Pádraig Kiely; Anne-Marie Kiely Sr. Anita O’Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney	Rathdowney John Casey & Helen Campion Durrow Michael Killeen & Sarah Brophy

<u>Gala Concert</u>
Thurles Cathedral Choir accompanied by the Clonmel Concert Band and Special Guests will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles this Sunday November 30 th , 7.30 p.m. Donations on the night will go towards the Cathedral Reroofing Project. <i>Thank you most sincerely for your continued support</i>
<u>Stand for Peace – March for Palestine – Saturday December 6th</u>
As we enter the first week of Advent, we remember that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in the land we now call Palestine. Though some relief has come with the ceasefire in Gaza, the humanitarian crisis continues, and the occupation of the West Bank persists. Please join the Kilkenny, Carlow, Kildare and Laois Palestine solidarity groups for a peaceful “March for Palestine” on Saturday, December 6th at 1 pm from the Kilkenny Castle Main Gates.
<u>Cake Sale</u>
Errill NS Parents' Association are having a cake sale on December 14th, 10.30am -12 noon in Ray's Lounge, Errill. Any donations of baked good greatly appreciated. The children will have a little Christmas craft stall.

<u>Jubilee Year of Hope 2025</u>
Bishop Coll extends an invitation to all to come along to our Diocesan celebration for the <i>Jubilee Year of Hope 2025</i> : Theme: <i>From Brokenness to Hope</i> , “The time is coming you must wake up now”, acknowledging the great work of both the Carer and the Health Care Professional.
Ms. Marian Curran, a mother of a young adult with special needs, an remarkable advocate for children with special needs and former lecturer in Religious Education, will share her journey “From Brokenness to Hope”. Dr. John Cuddihy, retired G.P. will share his life as a medic – being there.... “Still There”. Saturday, 6th December 2025 from 10 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. St Patrick’s Pastoral Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny. All welcome. For further information please contact the Diocesan Office at 056 7762448 or email admin@ossory.ie
<u>Rathdowney Christmas Market</u>
Saturday 29th Nov, 6th & 13th December 2pm to 7pm in the Community Centre, Rathdowney Lots of items for Christmas will be available.

<u>Prayer for Vocations</u>
The Diocesan Vocation Team is hosting a Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday 4th December at 7pm in Mullinavat Parish Church; St Canice’s Church Kilkenny, Castletown Parish Church Please join us for a time of prayer for vocations in Ossory.

You may now take home the Remembrance Candles from our churches

<u>MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH</u>	
<u>SATURDAY November 29th</u>	
Cullohill 7.30 pm: Durrow 7.30 pm:	Caroline Dunne, née Dollard, Oldtown Betty Dunphy St Fintan’s Terrace Catherine (Kay) Mahony, Dereen
<u>SUNDAY November 30th</u>	
Durrow 11.15 am:	Elizabeth Fogarty, Greenview, Ballyragget, 1st Anniv Sean Rafter, Knockanoran James Holohan, Tinweir
<u>MASSES DURING THE WEEK</u>	
Monday to Friday:	Mass in Durrow at 8.50am
<u>MASSES NEXT WEEKEND</u>	
<u>SATURDAY DECEMBER 6th</u>	
Cullohill 7.30 pm: Durrow 7.30 pm:	<u>SUNDAY DECEMBER 7th</u> Joseph O’Leary, Tinweir Vincent Cooney, Mary Street Teresa & Billy O’Dwyer, Tipperary
Durrow 11.15 am:	<u>Monday December 8th</u> Feast day of the Immaculate Conception
Cullohill 11am Durrow 11.15am Recent Death:	Peg Fitzpatrick, Cullohill Tess Butler (Nee Begadon), Cannonswood & Manchester
Anniversaries:	May & Patrick Holohan, Derry Road
<u>Collections Weekend 22nd / 23rd Nov 2025</u>	
Loose Plate - € 462 Envelopes - € 1,935	
<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>Durrow St Vincent de Paul</u>
Will hold a church door collection on Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th December. Your generosity would be gratefully appreciated Confidential Helpline Number has been changed to 083 405 6021
<u>The Spirit of Christmas</u>
Sunday 7th December at 6.30pm in the Holy Trinity Church, Durrow With Vocem Darú Choir Soprano’s Ann Marie Kiely & Deirdre Caldwell O’Brien Led by Fr Martin Delaney In aid of the Irish Kidney Association Suggested Donation €5

<u>First Saturday Conference in Knock</u>
To mark the 100th anniversary of the First Saturday Apparition in Pontevedra, Spain, there will be a special conference in Knock on December 6th. The day begins with adoration and confessions at 10am and continues with talks from Bishop John Keenan, Antonia Moffat, and Fr Philip Kemmy in St John's Centre. Rosary led by the Children's Rosary group, a 15-minute meditation. At Fatima, Our Lady promised that there would be peace in the world and that many souls would be saved through this devotion. For more details please visit firstsaturdays.ie