

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY December 20th

Rathdowney 6pm: Jack Carroll, Castletown, Donaghmore
John O'Shea Templequain & Sr. Betty O'Shea
Thomas, Catherine & Judy Kelly, Main Street

SUNDAY December 21st

Errill 10am: Joe & Kathleen Bergin, Ballybuggy
Tim & Catherine Flanagan, Castlefleming
John & Mary Flanagan & Michael Flanagan

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Mass at 10am in Rathdowney

Wednesday: **Christmas Eve**

Rathdowney 5pm Family Mass

Errill 9pm William Delaney, Rossmore

Thursday **Christmas Day**

Rathdowney 10am The deceased members of the Meehan Family.
Mick & Mary Hennessy, Ballycoolid.

Friday, St Stephen's Day Mass at 10 am in Rathdowney.

Anniversaries: Maisie & Jack Gorman, Errill & deceased members of the Gorman & Bannon, Family.
Robert & Mai M Grath & all deceased family members.
Donal & Grace O'Malley & all deceased family members.
John Whelan, Ballyedmond;
Annie Doran, Mill St.
Alice, John & John Joe Fitzpatrick, Kilcoran.
Jane Costigan, Castlegrogan, Errill.

Recent Deaths: Andy Fennelly, Main St, Borris in Ossory
Lily O'Toole (nee Kavanagh), Moneygall.
Sean Geoghegan, Coolbally, Clough.

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 27th December

Rathdowney 6pm: Mary Campion, Knockiel. First Anniversary
Tommy & Mary Murphy, Borrismore, Urlingford &
deceased members of the Murphy 7 Dobbin families.
John Peters, Mooreville

SUNDAY 28th December

Errill: 10am:
Collections Weekend 13th / 14th December 2025
Loose Plate € 309 Envelopes - € 1404

Adoration

Will resume in Rathdowney on Thursday 15th January
and in Errill on Friday 16th January

**Newsletter for the Parishes of
Durrow and Rathdowney
20th / 21st December 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent**



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; Liam Kavanagh;
Pádraig Kiely;
Anne-Marie Kiely
Sr. Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney

SAFEGUARDING

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www.towardshealing.ie

Towards Peace Helpline: 01-505 3028
www.towardspeace.ie

Parish Representatives

Rathdowney

John Casey & Helen Campion

Durrow

Michael Killeen & Sarah Brophy

Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Saturday 20th December

In **Rathdowney Church** from 11.00am - 12.30pm

In **Durrow Church** from 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Winter Solstice Event

Free Community Event remembering those who have passed before us. As part of this event there will be song, poetry, story and art combined.
Sunday 21st December, 4 - 5pm
Donaghmore Workhouse. Free Event, All Welcome.
Part of a Laois County Council Public Art Commission with artist Marie Brett and local creatives.

Thank You

Thanks to all who contributed to our Annual Collection last weekend & to those who helped with it in any way. The collection generated €648. Funds raised are vitally important in order to help us to continue to maintain and develop our services for our members and support research into the condition.

Christmas Mass Arrangements

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve

5.00pm Durrow - Children & Family Mass - Celebrant Fr Liam Bergin

5.00pm Rathdowney - Children & Family Mass - Celebrant Fr Martin

7.30pm Cullohill - Celebrant Fr Martin

9.00pm Errill - Fr Martin

Thursday 25th December Christmas Day

10am Rathdowney - Celebrant Fr Liam Bergin

11am Durrow - Celebrant Fr Martin



MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

SATURDAY December 20th

Cullohill 7.30 pm: Statia Dunne, Cullohill
Durrow 7.30 pm: John Delahunty, The Bridge, Durrow.

SUNDAY December 21st

Durrow 11.15 am: Eamonn Rafter, Knockanoran, Durrow
Hollis Flaherty, New York, USA
John Alley, Bishopswood, Durrow.
Kitty & Maurice Ryan, London.

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK

Mon & Tuesday : Mass in Durrow at 8.50am

Wednesday: **Christmas Eve**

Durrow 5pm Family Mass

Cullohill 7.30pm

Thursday: **Christmas Day**

Durrow 11am Patrick & Peter Kavanagh, Carrigan St, Durrow
Elizabeth Monahan, Erkindale Drive, Durrow.
Noel Cooney, Erkindale Drive, Durrow.

Friday St Stephen's Day Mass at 8.50 am in Durrow.

Recent Death: Florence Geoghegan (nee Cantwell), Ballymun &
formerly Durrow.
Sean Geoghegan, Coolbally, Clough.

Anniversaries: Maisie Campion, Cork Road, Durrow.

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SATURDAY December 27th

Cullohill 7.30pm: Peg Fitzpatrick, Gurteen, Months Mind
Gabriel Muldowney, Ballynevin, Cullohill.

Durrow 7.30 pm: James & Bridie Hennessy, Chapel St, Durrow & Errill.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 28th

Durrow 11.15 am:
Collections Weekend 13th / 14th December 2025
Loose Plate - € 450 Envelopes - € 1332

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.

Parish Office Has Moved !

You can now visit the Parish Office in the old Community Employment premises, to book anniversaries, Baptisms etc and buy signed Mass cards and other religious items. Entry from the Church car park.
The Community Employment office is now situated where we were.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

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

If you have a few hours 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.

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

Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Santa will arrive in Errill Village at 5pm on Sunday 21st December and will travel on to the Square in Rathdowney for 6 pm. He will be accompanied by a display of tractors all lit up for Christmas.
All donations greatly appreciated.



Carol Service

Takes place on Sunday 21st December, in St Andrews Church,
Rathdowney at 4pm. All Welcome.