

## 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  
**Christmas Eve**  
Wednesday: Family Mass  
Rathdowney 5pm  
Errill 9pm  
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

### 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.

## 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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Laois/Offaly 044 935 3997

Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313 416  
[www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

Towards Peace Helpline: 01-505 3028  
[www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie)

### Parish Representatives

#### Rathdowney

John Casey & Helen Campion  
Michael Killeen & Sarah Brophy

#### Durrow

### 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 Delahunt, 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**  
**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.

### MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

#### 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](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie).