

MASSES THIS WEEK IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

Wednesday 24th Dec: Christmas Eve
Rathdowney 5pm Family Mass
Errill 9pm William Delaney, Rossmore
Thursday 25th Dec: Christmas Day
Rathdowney 10am The deceased members of the Meehan Family.
Mick & Mary Hennessy, Ballycoolid.
Friday 26th Dec: St Stephen's Day Mass at 10 am in Rathdowney.

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SATURDAY December 27th

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:

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK

Mon, Tues, Wed & Friday No Daily Mass

Thursday 1st January: New Years Day 10am Mass in Rathdowney

MASSES WEEKEND 3RD/4TH JANUARY 2026

SATURDAY 3RD JANUARY 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Angela Broderick, Knockiel 1st Anniversary
Kathleen Lupton, Coolkerry & deceased members of the Corry & Fogarty Families.
Oliver Browne, Moore St.

SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY 2026

Errill: 10am: Mairead Gaffney-Moore, Village View, 1st Anniversary
Jer & Teresa Dowling, Knockardgannon & deceased members of the Dowling & Tierney Families.
Kathleen Hassett, Lisduff.

Adoration

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

Rosary each evening at 5.30pm on the Webcam resumes on Monday 29th December

Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 in the Diocese of Ossory **Sunday, 4th January 2026**

Theme: Anchored in Hope. "Hope in the Lord" (Psalm 27:14)

As agreed at the Irish Episcopal Conference, the closing celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 will take place in each Diocese on Sunday, 4th January 2026. Bishop Niall will celebrate the closing Mass in Ossory on Sunday, 4th January 2026 in St Mary's Cathedral at 5.30 p.m.

There will be an opportunity to share in some conversation and light refreshments afterwards in the Chapter House.

All are welcome.

Please know that the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV will celebrate the Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year in St Peter's Square on Tuesday, 6th January 2026, The Feast of the Epiphany. Wishing you all a blessed and Holy Christmas.

Newsletter for the Parishes of

Durrow and Rathdowney

24th December 2025 to 4th January 2026

Christmas Day / St Stephen's Day

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Second Sunday of Christmas



A Blessing for The New Year



On the day when
The weight deadens
On your shoulders
And you stumble,
May the clay dance
To balance you.

And when your eyes
Freeze behind
The gray window
And the ghost of loss
Gets in to you,
May a flock of colours,
Indigo, red, green
And azure blue
Come to awaken in you
A meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays
In the curach of thought
And a stain of ocean
Blackens beneath you,
May there come across the waters
A path of yellow moonlight
To bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
May the clarity of light be yours,
May the fluency of the ocean be yours,
And may the protection of the ancestors be yours.

And so may a slow
Wind work these words
Of love around you,
An invisible cloak
To mind your life.

John O'Donohue

Parish Office Opening Hours

Both Parish Offices are closed next week

Rathdowney will re-open on Tuesday 6th January 2026
and Durrow on Wednesday 7th January 2026

MASSES THIS WEEK IN DURROW PARISH

Wednesday 24th Dec: Christmas Eve

Durrow 5pm Family Mass

Cullohill 7.30pm

Thursday 25th Dec: Christmas Day

Durrow 11am Patrick & Peter Kavanagh, Carrigan St, Durrow

Elizabeth Monahan, Erkendale Drive, Durrow.

Noel Cooney, Erkendale Drive, Durrow.

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

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SATURDAY December 27th

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

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

SUNDAY DECEMBER 28th

Durrow 11.15 am: Peggy Dempsey, Swan Road, Durrow.

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Mon to Friday: Mass in Durrow at 8.50am

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SATURDAY 3RD JANUARY 2026

Cullohill 7.30pm: May Whyte, Cullohill.
Judy Brophy, Aughmacart
Jimmy Dunne, Belmont, Cullohill

Durrow 7.30pm: Anna May Kenna, St Fintan's Tce

Durrow 11.15 am: Harold & Sheila Lawlor, Mill Road, Durrow
Charlotte Walsh, Ballykealy, Durrow.

Recent Death: Fr Tom McGree, Lisdowney.

Anniversaries: Maisie Campion, Cork Road, Durrow.

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.

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Parish Representatives

Rathdowney

John Casey & Helen Campion

Durrow

Michael Killeen & Sarah Brophy

Parish Office Has Moved!

You can now visit the Parish Office in the old Community Employment premises in Durrow, 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.