MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 6th December

Delia & Pat Phelan, Glebe House, Donaghmore Rathdowney 6pm:

> Bill & Mai Whelan, The Conoboro Sally Whelan, Castletown, Donaghmore

Sunday 7th December

William Keyes, Knockardgannon 1st Anniversary Errill 10am:

Stella Higgins, Kildare

Thomas & Nora Behan & Paddy & Josie Fox, Errill

Masses During this Week **Monday December 8th**

Feast day of the Immaculate Conception

Rathdowney 10am: Eddie & Lil Bergin Daly Terrace.

Tuesday to Friday: Mass at 10am

> MASSES NEXT WEEKEND **SATURDAY 13th December**

Rathdowney 6pm: Sally & Joe Kennedy, Rossmore & their daughter Eileen

Mary O'Sullivan, Moore St

Peter Delaney, Clonmeen & Paddy Kelly, Donaghmore.

Sunday 14th December

Errill: 10am: First Holy Communion Preparation Mass

> Mary & Pat Keane, Castlefleming Michael Campion, Lisduff

& his parents Michael & Johanna, Clonmeen.

Charlie Campion, Clonmeen

Anniversaries: Ricky & Kevin Fogarty, Templetuohy;

Michael & Annie Delaney, Coolkerry; Patrick & Johanna Campion, Coolkerry; Maura & John Bourke, Clonmeen; Paddy & Julia Mahon, Harristown;

Ann Howard, Pound St.

Collections Weekend 29th / 30th November 2025

Loose Plate € 297 Envelopes - € 1,302

Adoration

Rathdowney on Thursday after Mass until 12 noon Errill on Friday from 10am until 12 Noon

Rosary continues each evening Monday to Friday at 5.30pm on the Webcam

Epilepsy Ireland

There will be a collection for Epilepsy Ireland at both Masses next weekend, December 13th & 14th

Rathdowney Christmas Market

Saturday 13th December

2pm to 7pm in the Community Centre, Rathdowney Lots of items for Christmas will be available including crafts and cakes Ideal for your last minute Christmas Gifts.

Templemore Parish Folk Group

will host their Christmas Charity Concert on Dec 14th @ 7.30pm. Guests this year with be our local group "Out the Road". Tickets €25 **ON SALE NOW** – available from any Folk Group member/Parish Office (Office Hours 9.30am-1.30pm Mon - Thurs) 0504 35772/band member or contact 086 1716989.

Newsletter for the Parishes of **Durrow and Rathdowney** 6th / 7th December 2025 Second 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

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 **Parish Representatives** Rathdowney

John Casey & Helen Campion Durrow

Michael Killeen & Sarah Brophy

Cake Sale

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.

Have Your Say about your Catholic School

For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start: The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025. See - https:// www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/

Rathdowney / Errill St Vincent de Paul

There will be a collection for St Vincent de Paul at both Masses this weekend, December 6th & 7th

You may now take home the Remembrance Candles from our churches

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 6th

Cullohill 7.30 pm: Durrow 7.30 pm:

Sunday December 7th

Durrow 11.15 am:

Joseph O'Leary, Tinweir Vincent Cooney, Mary Street Teresa & Billy O'Dwyer, Tipperary

Masses During this Week

Monday December 8th

Feast day of the Immaculate Conception

Cullohill 11am Durrow 11.15am

Tuesday to Friday: Mass in Durrow at 8.50am

> MASSES NEXT WEEKEND SATURDAY DECEMBER 13th

Cullohill 7.30 pm: First Holy Communion Preparation Mass

Durrow 7.30 pm: Martin Mahony, Dereen, Durrow 1st Anniversary

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14th

Ann Jordan, Tinweir Durrow 11.15 am:

Jack & Nora Phelan, Castle St, Durrow.

Recent Deaths: Mary Ryan (nee Kildea), The Forge, Swan Rd, Durrow.

Francis Bates, Abbeyleix and late of Cullohill.

Anniversaries: Patrick & Mary Dunphy, Derry Road, Durrow.

Collections Weekend 29th / 30th November 2025

Loose Plate - € 558

Envelopes - € 850

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.

Durrow St Vincent de Paul

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

Cullohill St Vincent de Paul

Will hold their Christmas collection on Saturday 13th December, before Mass. Your generous support is greatly Appreciated

The Spirit of Christmas

Sunday 7th December at 6.30pm in the Holy Trinity Church, Durrow With Vocem Darú Choir with Soprano's Ann Marie Kiely & Deirdre Caldwell O'Brien Led by Fr Martin Delaney

In aid of the Irish Kidney Association - Suggested Donation €5

Church Cleaning Cullohill & Durrow

Thank you to Parknahown for cleaning the church in Cullohill in November and to Team C in Durrow This month it falls to The Village in Cullohill, and in Durrow, Team D will clean the church during the month of December.