

**MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH**

**SATURDAY 24TH JANUARY 2026**

**Rathdowney 6pm: First Holy Communion Preparation Mass**  
Betty Maher (née O'Brien) Dublin & Rathdowney 1st Anniversary.  
Niamh Hickey, Ossory Terrace.  
Patrick, Mary & Seamas Bracken, Cascade Street.

**SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY 2026**

**Errill: 10am:** Michael, Mary, Teresa & Michael Fitzgerald, Rathdowney  
Agnes & Michael Murphy, Graigueavalla & Teresa Abbott  
Paddy & Lil Kelly, Churchquarter

**MASSES DURING THIS WEEK IN RATHDOWNEY**

**Tues to Thurs:** Mass at 10am  
**Fri. 10am:** Robert & Teresa Rowland, Roscrea  
Christopher & Nora O'Meara, Shinrone.

**Recent Deaths:** John Dollard, Ballagh.  
Stephen Bergin, Camross.  
Paddy Sweeney, Gathabawn.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Quigley, Johnstown Glebe;  
Cathy Shortt, Ballincollig, Cork;  
Jack Tynan, Kyleahaw.  
Mary Kerr, England.

**MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**  
**Saturday 31st January 2026**

**Rathdowney 6pm:** Sally Kennedy, Conoboro. Months Mind  
Mary Browne, Moore St  
Nora Browne, Daly Terrace  
Tim Davin & Kay Butler & deceased members of the Davin  
& Butler Families.

**Errill 10am:** **Sunday 1st February 2026**  
Paul Keyes, School Rd., Errill  
Dan & Elizabeth Campion, Clonmeen.  
Marc Pessers & deceased members of his family.

**Collections**  
**Weekend 17th / 18th January 2026**  
Loose Plate - €300 Envelopes - €1705

**Adoration**  
Rathdowney on Thursday after Mass until 12 noon  
Errill on Friday from 10am until 12 Noon  
**Rosary** each evening at 5.30pm on the Webcam

We welcome into Rathdowney Parish Community  
Áine Catherine Bourke  
who is being baptised this weekend.



**Table Quiz in Aid of St Brigid's Camogie Club**

Will take place on Saturday 14th February  
in Drennan's, Green Roads at 9pm

**Funeral Masses on our Website**  
In order to comply with GDPR regulations  
recordings of funeral masses from Rathdowney and Errill will be available on  
**www.rathdowneyparish.ie** website for one month only.  
Copies of past funerals are available to family members on request.  
Contact the Parish Office re same.

**Newsletter for the Parishes of**  
**Durrow and Rathdowney**  
**24th / 25th January 2026**  
**3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**SAFEGUARDING**

Designated Liaison Person  
Fintan Fanning - 085 802 1633  
[safeguarding@ossory.ie](mailto:safeguarding@ossory.ie)  
Gardaí 1800 555 222 / TUSLA  
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  
**Durrow**  
Michael Killeen & Sarah Brophy

**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

**Parish Office Opening Hours**

**Rathdowney**  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
9.30am - 2pm  
& Friday 9.30am - 1pm  
**Durrow**  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
10 am to 2 pm

**Message from Fr Martin**

I will be in hospital for surgery next week and will be taking two weeks away  
from parish duties to recover.  
I am very grateful to Fr Dan Bollard, from Kilkenny who will look after the parish  
in my absence.  
Thank you for your understanding and prayers.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

Will take place from May 25 to May 30, 2026  
All bookings should be made through Joe Walsh Tours by telephone 01-2410800,  
or online [www.joewalshstours.ie/pilgrimages/group-diocesan-pilgrimages/](http://www.joewalshstours.ie/pilgrimages/group-diocesan-pilgrimages/)  
or by post to JWT 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, D02WY88.

**SPECIAL ASSISTED/SICK SECTION**

Pilgrims who would like to travel with the Special Assisted Section should apply to  
Anna Colleton at [a.colleton@cbskillkenney.ie](mailto:a.colleton@cbskillkenney.ie) This special assisted/sick section is  
accommodated at the Accueil. Acceptance for travel with the special section for the  
sick is subject to the approval of the Pilgrimage Medical Board.  
Early booking is advisable as space is limited to one plane load.

**Do you have a family member or friend in a nursing home?**

Sr. Anita and I like to visit parishioners who are living in Nursing Homes or other  
Care settings. If you have a relative or know of someone from the parish in any  
Nursing Home or long-term care centre please let us know. You can contact me, or  
Sr. Anita directly or alternatively leave the details in the Parish Office.

*Fr. Martin*

**MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH**

**SATURDAY 24TH JANUARY 2026**

**Durrow 11am:** John & Robbie Soames  
followed by the interment of Robbie's ashes.

**Cullohill 7.30pm:** Clem Whyte, Ballynevin, Cullohill, Months Mind

**Durrow 7.30pm:** Eileen Sheppard, Durrow

**SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY 2026**

**Durrow 11.15 am: First Holy Communion Preparation Mass**

**MASSES DURING THIS WEEK**

**Mon to Fri** Mass in Durrow at 8.50am

**Recent Death:**

**Anniversaries:** Sheila Lawlor, Mill Rd., Durrow  
Maeve Thornton, Derry Wood, Durrow.

**MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY 2026**

**Cullohill 7.30pm**

**Durrow 7.30pm:**

**SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2026**

**Durrow 11.15am: First Holy Communion Preparation Mass**

**Collections**  
**Weekend 17th / 18th January 2026**  
Loose Plate - € 562 Envelopes - €2927

**Adoration**  
Adoration in Cullohill Church every Thursday morning from 10am to 11am  
**Please not change of time**  
and in Durrow directly after 8.50 am Mass (finishes at 11.30 am) on Mondays  
and on Fridays from 7-8pm.

**Cullohill Community Centre & Cullohill Handball Club**

Annual Monster Auction on Sunday 8th February at 1.30pm  
Household Items - Quality Vouchers - Firewood - Fodder - Raffle & Baked Goods.  
Teas, Coffees & Cake and Bake Sale by Cullohill N.S. Parents Council  
Item drop off of goods, vouchers and fresh bakes to hall on Saturday evening (7th)  
and Sunday morning (8th).

**First Saturday Devotion**

In the Church of the Most Holy Rosary,  
Abbeyleix on Saturday 7th Feb 2026 at 3.45pm.

**Please Note**

If you are including a cheque in any of your envelopes, please make the  
cheque payable to Rathdowney Parish or Durrow Parish as appropriate.  
These Cheques should not be made payable to Fr Martin or to the name of  
the Church itself.  
Please DO NOT scratch out your envelope number.