

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Tom Carroll, Johnstown Glebe. Month's Mind
Séamus Carroll, Kilbreedy
Joe Bolger, Slieve Bloom Heights
Bridie Begadon, The Conoboro

SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2026

Errill 10am: Patrick Behan, Clonburn. 1st Anniversary
Kathleen (Catherine) Walsh, The Old Rectory
Kathleen & Martin Morrissey, Castlefleming

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK IN RATHDOWNEY

Tues: Service of the Word and Distribution of the Eucharist.
Wed: Mass at 10am
Thurs 10am: Peter & Catherine Duggan, The Square
Friday : Mass at 10am

Recent Deaths: Sarah (Sadie) Duffy, (nee Brophy), Monasterevin
Michael McCarthy, died in Spain, formerly of Main St,
Rathdowney.
Pat (The Doc) Delaney, Coolkerry
Jer Peters, Cuan Bhríde

Anniversaries: Theresa & Donal Delaney, Coolkerry,
John Joe Phelan, London & formerly Daly Tce, 1st Anniv.
Kieran (Sonny) O'Dea, Clonmeen & Cuan Bride,
Agnes Byrne, Castlefleming
Frank Fogarty, Errill

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: John Dollard, Ballagh & Ballyedmond. Month's Mind
& also remembering his mother Margaret (Peg)
Michael Finane, Mooreville
Paddy Hickey, Quigley Park
John, Josie & Jackie Kilcare, Donaghmore

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026

Errill 10am: Mena Bergin, Park, Errill. Month's Mind
Katie Dowling, Kilbreedy
Mary Flanagan, Castlefleming

Collections

Weekend 14th / 15th February 2026

Loose Plate - €256 Envelopes - €2,061

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

St. Colmcille's N.S. Errill Enrolment 2026 / 2027

Applications for enrolment are currently being accepted for Errill N.S.
Application Forms are available from the school (0505-44228 / office@errillns.ie)
The Admissions Notice for Errill N.S. is available on our school
website: www.errillns.ie

Epilepsy Awareness Day

Purple Day or Epilepsy Awareness Day Will take place on Thursday 26th March
2026. In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy.
For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie.

Thank You

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the annual Church gate collection
for the Pro Life Campaign in Errill last weekend.

**Newsletter for the Parishes of
Durrow and Rathdowney
21st / 22nd February 2026
1st Sunday of Lent**

SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person
Fintan Fanning - 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

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

Changes to Mass Times

At a recent joint meeting of the Durrow and Rathdowney Parish Pastoral Councils, it
was agreed that the following changes would be made to Mass times.

The 7.30 pm Mass in Durrow on Saturday evening will be discontinued.

Mass in Errill will change to a new time of 9.30 am on Sunday

Mass in Durrow will change to a new time of 11 am on Sunday

These changes will take place from Weekend 21st and 22nd March 2026

There are no changes to Mass times in Rathdowney and Cullohill

A Message From Fr. Martin

I just want to thank everyone for your messages and prayers during my recent
stay in hospital and in the few weeks I was away. Everything went very well
and I'm in great form. Thank you also to Fr. Dan Bollard for holding the fort
while I was out of action.

Community Employment Vacancies

The Community Employment Projects in Rathdowney and Durrow have vacancies
for people to work with them in Rathdowney, Errill, Borris in Ossory, Durrow and
Cullohill.

See www.jobsireland.ie Search Community Employment Vacancies in Laois and you
will see what is available in this area.

Contact Maureen on 0872035203 or Pauline on 089 4706757
Or email maureen.guilfoyle@rceg.ie or pauline@durrowcs.com
for more details

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2026

Cullohill 7.30pm: Ann Marie Delaney, Ballynevin, Cullohill. 1st Anniversary
Durrow 7.30pm:

SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2026

Durrow 11.15am: Teresa Leahy, 1st Anniversary
& also remembering her husband Tom.
Frank Campion & Seamus Boorman, Cork Rd

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK

Mon to Fri: Mass in Durrow at 8.50am.

Recent Deaths: Una Walshe (nee McGrane), Moyne Durrow
Mary Hevehan (nee Dowd) Four Roads, Roscommon
Maura Begadon, Aughmacart.

Anniversaries: James Phelan, Knockanoran
Martin Coffey, Barnhill

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2026

Cullohill 7.30pm: John and Mary Geraty, Cannonswood
Fr. Jimmy Dollard, Castlequarter

Durrow 7.30pm: Peter & Peg Monelly, Barnhill

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026

Durrow 11.15am:

Collections

Weekend 14th / 15th February 2026

Loose Plate - € 445 Envelopes - €1,692

Adoration

Adoration in Cullohill Church every Thursday morning from 10am to 11am
and in Durrow directly after 8.50 am Mass (finishes at 11.30 am) on Mondays
and on Fridays from 7-8pm.

We welcome into Durrow Parish Community
Jordan Peter and Hayley Helen Moore
who is being baptised this weekend



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

Clothes Collection

Cullohill NS Parent's Council are holding a clothes collection in aid of the
school. Large bins will be left at the front of the school during February and
March. Please ensure all clothes/items are placed into tied refuse sacks.
See posters for details of items accepted.