

**MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH**

**SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 2026**

**Rathdowney 6pm:** Niall Wallis, Coolkerry, Month's Mind  
Kieran O'Sullivan, The Showgrounds  
Maisie & Eddie O'Brien, Quigley Park  
Patrick White, Mooreville

**SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2026**

**Errill 9.30am** Betty & Tim Keane, Monamondra  
Harry Wynne, Kyleahaw, & his parents Bill & Mary  
Patrick & Maureen Bergin, Lismorougha

**MASSES DURING THIS WEEK IN RATHDOWNEY**

**Tues/Wed/Thurs:** Mass at 10am

**Friday 10 am:** John & Mary Holohan, Middlemount

**Recent Deaths:** Mary White (nee Bowe) Graiguegarron, Rathdowney  
Gerard Moran, Toher, Templetuohy

**Anniversaries:** Vincent Cleere, Harristown  
Charlie O'Reilly, Church Street  
Jimmy Keegan, Daly Terrace  
John & Michael Brophy, Harristown

**MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2026**

**Rathdowney 6pm:** Ann McNamara Erkina Court, Month's Mind  
Sean Keyes, Kilbreedy  
Mary Whelan, Ballyedmond  
Patrick Drake & the Field & Drake families

**SUNDAY 26TH APRIL 2026**

**Errill 9.30am:** **First Holy Communion Preparation**  
Charles Grogan, Knockardgannon  
Alan Moore, Borohan

**Collections**

**Weekend 11th/12th April 2026**

Loose Plate - € 225 Envelopes €1,276

**Adoration**

Adoration in Rathdowney Church on Thursdays after 10am Mass  
and in Errill Church on Fridays from 10am until 12 Noon

**Rosary** each evening at 5.30pm on the Webcam

**Local History Talk**

Stephen Cahill will hold a talk in St. Bernadette's Hall, Errill on April 23rd at 7.30pm.

Topics include

- Remembering Jane Costigan and Margaret Nolan whose generosity resulted in the building of Our Lady Queen of the Universe Church in Errill.
- History of St Columba's Church in Grogan which will include details on its 17 stained glass windows.
- Early days of the schools at Castlefleming and Errill.

**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](http://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**

**18th / 19th April 2026**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**SAFEGUARDING**

Designated Liaison Person  
Fintan Fanning - 085 802 1633  
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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  
**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

**National Epilepsy Week**

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May.

For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie](http://www.epilepsy.ie)

**Patrick Feeney in Concert**

Come and enjoy an Evening with Patrick Feeney & his Band on their Gospel Concert Tour - Saturday April 25th in Church of St Joseph & St Brigid, Bóthar na Naomh Church, Thurles @ 8.00 p.m.

Ticket Donation: €30. Proceeds towards Cathedral Reroofing Project.  
Tickets available from Thurles Parish Centre (0504 22229), Bookworm,  
Liberty Square (0504 22257) & Holycross Parish Office (0504 43124)



**Well Done!**

Congratulations to Fr Sylvanus who was conferred with his Doctor of Philosophy, Philosophy and Ethics from Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nigeria recently.

We look forward to welcoming Dr Attoh Sylvanus Undiekeye back to our Parishes in June.

**Bishop's Tree**

On Sunday 26th April, at 3pm

Mass will be celebrated in Bishopswood, Cork Road, Durrow to commemorate a Bishop who, while celebrating Mass in a Mass Pit in Dereen was seized on by his persecutors, dragged into the wood, tied to a tree and left there until he died.

The Durrow Pipe Band will lead the procession from the entrance of the wood to the area where the Bishop's Tree once stood

**MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH**

**SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 2026**

**Cullohill 7.30pm:** Betty Ryan, Ballybooden  
Jack Drennan, Oldtown & his sister Lily Drennan, who was interred recently in London, England.

**SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2026**

**Durrow 11.00am:** Richard Snr (Dick) & Sarah Dempsey, The Square  
Michael & Ellen Dempsey The Square,  
& all deceased members of the Dempsey family

**MASSES DURING THIS WEEK**

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

**Recent Deaths:** Teresa Kelly (nee O'Keeffe) Derry Road & Abbeyleix

**Anniversaries:** Sheila McEvoy, Cork Road

**MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2026**

**Cullohill 7.30pm** Mary Saunders, Ross, Cullohill

**SUNDAY 26TH APRIL 2026**

**Durrow 11.00am:** **First Holy Communion Preparation Mass**  
James & Eddie Moore, Durrow  
Joe Walsh, Carrigan Street, Durrow

**Collections**

**Weekend 11th /12th April 2026**

Loose Plate - € 550 Envelopes €2,728

**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.

**School Cleaner required for Our Lady's Meadow PS Durrow**

The successful candidate will play a vital role in maintaining the high standards of cleanliness and hygiene required to ensure a safe and productive learning environment for our pupils and staff.

Monday to Friday: 2 hours per day (Evenings)

Weekends: 2 hours (Saturday or Sunday by arrangement)

Holiday Periods: Periodic deep-cleaning shifts as required during school closures. Please submit Curriculum Vitae, written references and names of two referees and their contact numbers) on or before Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 3pm

**Conference on Stroke**

The 5th National Conference on Stroke, organised by the South Tipperary Stroke Communication Group, will take place at the Cashel Palace Hotel, Cashel, Co. Tipperary, on Monday April 27th, commencing at 10:00am, with entry for viewing of support stands at 9:30am. Speakers include Professor Ronán Collins, Clinical Lead Irish National Stroke Programme, Dr. Patrick Nicholson, Consultant Neuro-interventional Radiologist at Beacon Hospital, and a number of other speakers including stroke survivors. Admission is free but is by registration on Eventbrite.

**Important Message re N77 Kilkenny Road in Durrow**

The N77 Kilkenny Road will be closed outside the Church from 6pm to 7am from 20th to 24th April

**No through road.**