

**MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH**

**SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2026**

**Rathdowney 6pm:** Margaret Campion, The Glebe 1st Anniversary and her husband Joe  
Martin Bergin, Donaghmore & deceased members of the Cuddy & Bergin Families  
Michael O'Sullivan Moore Street

**SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2026**

**Errill 9.30am:** Stasia Campion, Lisduff. 1st Anniversary  
James & Margaret Grant, Ballagh .  
Aine Hetherington.

**MASSES DURING THIS WEEK IN RATHDOWNEY**

**Tues & Wed:** Mass at 10 am  
**Thursday 10 am:** Service of the Word and distribution of the Eucharist.  
**Fri:** Mass at 10am

**Recent Deaths:**

Martina Kiely (nee Grimes), Drom, Templemore  
Kieran Ryan, Kilcoran.

**MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY 23RD MAY 2026**

**Rathdowney 6pm:** Kevin Morrissey, Kilcoran. Months Mind  
Kathleen Lee, Main Street  
Kieran Phelan, Donaghmore  
Eddie Lowry, Cappallinan.

**SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026**

**Errill 9.30am:** Frances Conroy, Portlaoise Months Mind  
Bridie Grogan & her son Kieran, School Rd, Errill  
Marie Grogan, Limerick.

**Collections**

**Weekend 10th / 11th May**

Loose Plate - €301 Envelopes €1270

**Adoration**

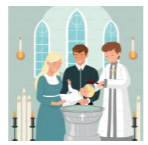
Adoration in Rathdowney Church on Thursdays after 10am Mass  
and in Errill Church on Fridays from 10am until 12 Noon

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

**Medjugorje Intentions**

The Feast of Our Lady of Medjugorje occurs on June 25th. Masses for the intentions of those on the recent pilgrimage will be celebrated on 23rd / 24th / 25th & 26th of June.

We welcome into Rathdowney Parish Community  
Ellie Margaret Fleming  
who is being baptised this weekend.



**Errill NS Parents' Association**

Used clothing collection dates: Sunday 17th May, 9am-10.30am, drop off point at trailer in the Village. Clothes can also be dropped to St. Bernadette's Hall on Thurs 21st May from 6.30pm to 8pm & on Friday 22nd May from 8.30am to 9.30am.



**Congratulations**

To Aoife Kelly & Adrian Maher  
who were married on Saturday 16th May

**Newsletter for the Parishes of**

**Durrow and Rathdowney**

**16th / 17th May 2026**

**Ascension of the Lord**

**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

**Cemetery Masses 2026**

<b>Local Cemetery</b>	<b>Saturday 6th June</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Durrow</b>	<b>Sunday 14th June</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>Bealady</b>	<b>Saturday 20th June</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Cullohill</b>	<b>Saturday 27th June</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Errill</b>	<b>Sunday 19th July</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Kyleogue</b>	<b>Friday 24th July</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Aughmacart</b>	<b>Wednesday 29th July</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>

**The Ossory Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

takes place from May 25 to May 30. If you would like to follow the shared Grotto Mass in English, please log onto. [www.lourdes.org](http://www.lourdes.org) and join live on the webcam at 9am on Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>

**Bosca Beo Workshop - Monday, 18th May at 7pm. Rathdowney Library**

Bosca Beo is project designed to help people record, collect, cherish, and share their life memories with loved ones, & has been developed collaboratively by the Creative Ireland, Age Friendly, Library Services & Healthy Ireland teams in Laois & Longford County Councils. Inside the box there is space to safely store keepsakes, photographs, documents, and other important personal items. Michael Creagh will present a workshop on how to curate your own box of memories.

Contact 0505 48652 or 087 2061998

**St Vincent De Paul**

Rathdowney Errill SVP church gate collection will take place this weekend  
16<sup>th</sup> May in Rathdowney & 17<sup>th</sup> May in Errill

**Please note:** St Kieran's Rathdowney/Errill conference of St Vincent de Paul have changed their contact details. All requests for assistance and support contact the **confidential number 087 0055 415** or email [stkierans.rathdowney@svp.ie](mailto:stkierans.rathdowney@svp.ie)

**MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH**

**SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2026**

**Cullohill 7.30pm:**

**SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2026**

**Durrow 11.00am:** Joe O'Leary, Rath, Durrow  
Patsy & Mick Dunphy, Dunmore, Durrow.

**MASSES DURING THIS WEEK**

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

**MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY 23RD MAY 2026**

**Cullohill 7.30pm** Sheila Holland, Tubberboe

**SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026**

**Durrow 11.00am:** Joan Dempsey, Durrow  
Patrick & Brigid Spillane, Skibbereen  
Martha & James Gaffney, Durrow  
Deceased members of the Dunne, Gaffney & Spillane Families.

**Collections**

**Weekend 10th/11th May**

Loose Plate - € 390 Envelopes €1,025

**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.

**Diocesan Nurse**

The Diocese of Ossory requires a Nurse to provide an advocacy and support service to Priests in the Diocese of Ossory. The Diocese comprises of 42 parishes in Counties Kilkenny, Laois and Offaly. The post will be part-time, flexible and initially for a three-year period.

The ideal candidate must be:

- A registered General Nurse (ideally with Community experience).
- Self-motivated and have the ability to co-ordinate care planning in a community based environment.
- Possess excellent communication skills.
- Competency in time management.

Full clean driving licence and own transport are essential.

Please email your application to [admin@ossory.ie](mailto:admin@ossory.ie) or by post to The Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Office, James's St, Kilkenny, R95 NH60.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

**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*