

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Peg & Andy Bergin, Kilcoran
Brid Davin, & Ann Butler
& deceased members of the Davin & Butler Families.
Bridget Phelan, Quigley Park.

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Errill 9.30am: Joe Davy, Knockardgannon.

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK IN RATHDOWNEY

Tuesday–Friday: Mass at 10 am

Recent Death: Ann McGrath, Clonoulty, Rossmore
& late of Main St., Rathdowney

Anniversaries: Sydney Kinsella, Johnstown Glebe
Jimmy Maher, Moore St
Pat Gill, Harp Road
Mary & Charlie Carroll, Harristown
Mick Cleary, Rossmore

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Donnie & Kathy Dowling, Daly Terrace
Michael Walsh, Glosa

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Errill 9.30am: Pat Kelly, Village View

Collections

Weekend 5th/6th September 2026

Loose Plate - €232 Envelopes € 1184

Adoration

Adoration in Rathdowney Church on Thursdays after 10am Mass
and in Errill Church on Fridays from 10.30am until 11.30am.

Rosary available each evening at 5.30pm on the Webcam

Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Will take place April 20th to 27th in 2027, 7 nights half board @ Hotel Leone at
€899 pp sharing. €100 off if paid in full by the 31st of October 2026, single
supplement €210. Travel Insurance, extra. Luggage allowance 10 KG pp or
20KG for €80 return. Pilgrimage led by Fr. Martin Delaney.

For bookings contact Mary O'Dea @ 0873170084.

Rathdowney Social Services Annual Outing

Sat 26th September

Leaving from outside the Church at 9.30am

Visiting Vandeleur Walled Garden, Kilrush, Co. Clare

Short visit to Shopping Centre in Ennis

Dinner in Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis

Cost - €45 per person

Contact Agnes 087 7672056 to book

Gaelscoil Shlí Dala, Ballaghmore

6km Run / Walk takes place on Sunday 20th September

Starting Point - School Hall. Registration from 10am - Start Time 11am

Refreshments Available from 10am

Adults €10 U/16's Free

Trophies for winners!

Newsletter for the Parishes of

Durrow and Rathdowney

12th / 13th September 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Bereavement Information Evening

especially dedicated to supporting surviving siblings

This event is open to all parents whose child or children have died, regardless
of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since
bereavement. We are also opening this Bereavement Information Evening to
bereaved adult siblings over 18.

This event will take place online on [Tuesday 15 September at 7pm](#).
We are joined by an exceptional panel of local organisations and experts in
sibling bereavement.

Contact info@anamcara.ie or call 085 288 8888 for more information.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico

Dates: 12th-21st October 2026 for 9 Nights

Cost per person sharing €2725

This pilgrimage gives an opportunity to stand before the miraculous tilma,
celebrate Mass and walk in the footsteps of St Juan Diego. We will walk among
the ancient pyramids of Teotihuacan, stand before the Pyramids of the Sun and
Moon, visit the fascinating ancient city of Cholula and experience places where
Mexico's indigenous history and Catholic faith come together.

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

O, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mystical Rose, make intercession for the Holy
Church, protect the Sovereign Pontiff, help all those who invoke you in their
needs, and since you are the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain
for us from your most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, sweet hope in the
midst of the bitterness of life, burning charity, and the precious gift of final
perseverance. Amen.



Parish Office Opening Hours

Rathdowney

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.30 - 2pm & Friday 9.30am - 1pm

Durrow

Wednesday & Thursday 10am - 2pm & Friday 11am to 2pm

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30pm:

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Durrow 11.00am: Kate Stapleton, Dunmore, Durrow
Ellen McGree, Carrigan St, Durrow
Thomas Morrissey, Carrigan St., Durrow.

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK

Mon to Fri: Mass in Durrow at 8.50am.

Anniversaries: Matthew Dunne, Watercastle
Kathleen Sheppard (nee Coffey)
Mary O'Shea, Tubberboe

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Cullohill 7.30pm:

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Durrow 11.00am: Tom Walsh, Ballykealy
Jim Dwyer, Cork Rd., Durrow

Collections:

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Loose Plate € 314 Envelopes € 871

Adoration

Adoration in Cullohill Church every Thursday morning from 10am to 11am

Cullohill St Vincent de Paul

Will hold a church gate collection before Mass on Saturday 19th September.

Your contributions are gratefully appreciated.

Official Opening

**5.30 pm- 6.15pm Official Opening of Durow Community/Family Cycle Trails
and Launch of County Laois Outdoor Recreation Plan 2026-2030 (R32 P9P0)**

- Opening Address – MC Simon Walton, Director of Services
- Welcome speech by Catherine Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach, Laois County Council
- Speakers
- Michael Rainey, Chief Executive, Laois County Council
- Minister Dara Calleary, Department of Rural & Community Development & the Gaeltacht
- Matt Doyle, Pedal Vintage Durrow Community Group

Followed by drive to:

6.30pm- 7.30pm: Official opening of DARÚ HQ, Patrick Street, Durrow, R32 Y206

- Welcome speech by Catherine Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach, Laois County Council
 - Speakers
 - Michael Rainey, Chief Executive, Laois County Council
 - Minister Dara Calleary, Department of Rural & Community Development & the Gaeltacht
 - Evelyn Clancy, Chairperson, Durrow Development Forum
 - Blessing of DARÚ HQ - Fr. Delaney & Rev. Canon Harvey
- Refreshments