

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Donie & Kathy Dowling, Daly Terrace
Michael Walsh, Glosha

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Errill 9.30am: Pat Kelly, Village View
Catherine Treacy, Quigley Park

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK IN RATHDOWNEY

Tuesday–Friday: Mass at 10 am

Recent Deaths: Marian Magierowski, Poland (Kasia Finns Father)
Mary Clarke, (née Keegan) her sister, Claire Lancaster
& her sister-in-law Kay Keegan
(all recently deceased in Manchester)

Anniversaries: Deceased members of the Looby & Kelly Families
Peggy O'Reilly, Church Street

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Connie Browne, Daly Terrace
Paddy Powell, Knockiel
Larry Dunne, Knockiel

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Errill 9.30am:

Collections

Weekend 12th / 13th September 2026

Loose Plate - €131 Envelopes € 790

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 19th / 20th September 2026 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
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

SONGS OF HOPE & INSPIRATION

Come along and enjoy a musical evening with Des Willoughby,

Louise Morrissey, Marc Roberts and Clodagh Lawlor

Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles. Friday October 2nd.

Doors open 7.00 p.m. Concert starts 8.00 pm

Ticket Donation: €35 – now available from Parish Office (0504 -22229);
Bookworm (0504 22257)

A Night of Songs & Stories

with Tenor Paul Byrom and special guests The Cois Nore Choir
in St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny on Saturday 10th October

to mark **World Mental Health Day**. Tickets €30

and can be purchased

<https://fundraise.grow.ie/event/paul-byrom/home>

Bon Voyage Sylvanus

Fr. Sylvanus returns home to Nigeria early on Tuesday
morning. We thank him for his ministry and gentle presence
among us again this summer. We look forward to his return
next year dv

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 19TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30pm:

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK

Mon to Fri: Mass in Durrow at 8.50am.

Anniversaries:

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30pm: John Dollard, Bunlacken

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Durrow 11.00am: Aine Murphy, Dunmore

Collections:

Weekend 12th / 13th September 2026

Loose Plate € 296 Envelopes € 778

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.

New Pathways

We are grateful to Laois County Council for the work that has been done on the
paths in Durrow Cemetery over the last few weeks. While these paths are in the
parish owned area of the cemetery they provide the entrance into the new Council
section. Particular thanks to our local councillor, Oliver Clooney who lobbied
strongly to have these works completed.

Fr Martin

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.