

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Errill 9.30am: Peggy Cleary, Garryduff

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK IN RATHDOWNEY

Tuesday–Friday: Mass at 10 am

Recent Death: Mary Brigid (Biddy) Murphy, Cuan Bhride & formerly Shragh, Rathdowney
Anniversaries: Richard (Dick) Holohan, Middlemount, 1st anniversary & deceased members of the Holohan Family
Peter & Kreena Bateson, Mooreville
Paddy McCormack, Kilcoran
James & Johnny White, Moore Street
Mary Healy & her parents Tommy & Josie, Clonmeen Wood

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Lil Hayes Pound Street & deceased members of the Whelan family, Ballyedmond

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026

Errill 9.30am: Ann Carroll, The Derries

Collections

Weekend 19th / 20th September 2026

Loose Plate - € 249 Envelopes € 877

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.

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>

St. Bernadette's Community Hall

committee present “A Song, A Tune and A Tale”, an evening of entertainment on Friday next 2nd October in the Hall from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. This night promises to be as good as the last one with two hours of top class entertainment , not to be missed. Admission including raffle ticket €15 payable on the door. We would love to see you there.

Newsletter for the Parishes of Durrow and Rathdowney 26th / 27th September 2026 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAFEGUARDING

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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 9.30 - 2pm & Friday 9.30am - 1pm

Durrow

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

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)

Mother of Fair Love School 1966-2026

60th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving in Mother of Fair Love School, James' s Street Kilkenny on 9th October 2026 at 12:00 noon. You are invited to join our celebration of 60 years of Education for children and young adults with special needs. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ger Nash, Bishop of Ferns and Ossory and Father Dermot Ryan.
Chairperson of the Board of Management, past staff, students and members of the community are welcome to join us in celebrating the past and looking forward with hope to the future. Refreshments served afterwards.

St. Patrick's Missionary Society:

Two Kiltegan Priests will be with us to celebrate all four Masses in Rathdowney & Durrow Parishes next weekend (3rd/4th October) and will tell us about their missionary work.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30pm: John Dollard, Bunlacken, Cullohill 1st Anniversary
Pat Bowden Parknahown Cullohill

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Durrow 11.00am: Aine Murphy, Dunmore
James & Eileen Phelan, Derry Road

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK

Mon to Fri: Mass in Durrow at 8.50am.

Anniversaries:

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30pm: Dick and Theresa Delahunty and their sons,
Tom, Richard and Dan Newtown, Cullohill.

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026

Durrow 11.00am: Martin Morrissey, Carrigan Street Durrow

Collections:

Weekend 19th / 20th September 2026

Loose Plate € 292 Envelopes € 846

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.

Portlaoise Community Chess Club

Portlaoise Community Chess Club has been established and **meets every Saturday in Portlaoise Library between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.** (except Bank Holidays). Both Adults & children are welcome - beginners & experienced players. People from Rathdowney and Durrow would be most welcome. There is no money involved & chess sets are provided in the library. A committee has been formed and we hope to enter competitions in the near future. The next meeting will be on Saturday 3rd October in Portlaoise Library

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.