MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Maura & John Loughlin, Moore St

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2026

Errill 10 am: Maria Grogan, Errill.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Tuesday to Friday: Mass at 10am:

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Memorial Mass

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2026 – All Saints Day

Errill 9.30 am: John & Margaret Meehan, Grogan
Gary & Elizabeth Davy, Clonmeen
Larry Finn, Clonmeen
Paddy & Collette Kavanagh, The Square.

Recent Deaths: Johnny Keegan, Barney Lane, Rathdowney.
Mary Bergin, Donaghmore.
Jan Dani, Apt 1, The Square, Rathdowney, Co. Laois

Anniversaries: Martin Finn, The Conoboro.

Collections **Weekend 17th/18th October 2026**

Loose Plate - € 200 Envelopes - € 1041

Adoration

Adoration in Rathdowney on Thursday after 10am Mass
and in Errill on Friday from 10.30am to 11.30am
Rosary available each evening - Monday to Friday at 5.30pm on the Webcam

We welcome into Rathdowney Parish Community

Tessa Anita Downey

who is being baptised this weekend



Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Will take place April 20th to 27th 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.

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Newsletter for the Parishes of
Durrow and Rathdowney
24th / 25th October 2026
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Victory for the Generations

What an extraordinary few days it has been for Durrow and Cullohill! The celebrations following the historic victory last Sunday will live long in the memories of everyone associated with the club and our two communities. And deservedly so. Sixty-two years after Cullohill's great win and forty-two years since the Harps was formed, the dream of winning a Senior County Championship has finally been realised.

But amidst all the excitement and celebrations, I found myself thinking about another group of people: **those who would have loved to see this day but are no longer with us.**

A few weeks ago, while working with priests in Mayo, I was struck by how often people spoke about their county's great All-Ireland victory, not simply in terms of the present generation, but of parents, grandparents and generations of supporters who had gone before them. People who followed their team through good times and bad, who dreamed of such a day but never lived to see it.

I suspect there were similar thoughts in many hearts and homes around Durrow and Cullohill last Sunday. How many former players, parents, grandparents and lifelong supporters would have given anything to witness that final whistle? Some now have sons, grandsons or even great-grandsons among this extraordinary group of young men. Their contribution to Sunday's victory may not appear in any match report, but surely it is part of the story.

As we approach November, the month when we traditionally remember our dead, there is something particularly appropriate this year about remembering those who helped build and sustain the clubs down through the generations. We inherit far more than a name or a place. We inherit traditions, loyalties, friendships and dreams. Sometimes, without even realising it, we find ourselves completing something that others began long before us.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the great commandment to love God and to love our neighbour. Perhaps one of the loveliest expressions of that love is the sense of community, belonging and generosity that occasions like last Sunday bring to the surface.

Despite my Camross roots, and the shock and disappointment being felt in the foothills of the Sliabh Blooms, seeing the joy this victory has brought to the people among whom I now live and serve has been something very special indeed.

So, congratulations to every member of The Harps family. Enjoy this wonderful achievement. And somewhere in the celebrations, spare a thought for those who would have loved to be there. This victory belongs to them too.

Fr. Martin

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30 pm: Paddy & Vera Barnaville, Ballynevin
Paddy & Sheila Delaney, Cullohill
John & Rita McEvoy &
deceased members of the McEvoy Family

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2026

Durrow 11 am: Sr Éilis Bergin, Castlewood, Durrow
Michael Traynor, Erkindale Drive, Durrow
Michael & Mary Parkinson, Mary St, Durrow.
John Cooney, Mary St., Durrow.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Monday to Friday: **Mass in Durrow at 8.50am**

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30 pm:

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2026 – All Saints Day

Durrow 11 am: Peter & Mary Loughman, Newtown, Durrow
Sean & Agnes Conroy, Mary St., Durrow
Jill Cooney, Erkindale Drive, Durrow.

Recent Death: Elizabeth Tynan, Waterford City & formerly Dunmore.

Anniversaries: John & Elizabeth Kenny, Tubberboe, Durrow.

Collections **Weekend 17th/18th October 2026**

Loose Plate - €281 Envelopes - € 2393

Adoration

Adoration in Cullohill Church every Thursday morning from 10am - 11am, in Durrow directly after 8.50 am Mass (finishes at 11.30 am) on Mondays and on Fridays from 7-8pm.



Christmas Concert

Michael English, featuring Durrow and Cullohill Parish Choirs Sunday 6th December 2026 in Holy Trinity Church, Durrow. Doors open at 5 pm for 6 pm start. A festive evening of Songs, Stories, Faith & Inspiration

Tickets €30 available from both of our Parish Offices (opening times below) Or through www.michaelenglish.ie (where booking fee applies) Parish Office Opening Hours Rathdowney: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.30 - 2pm & Friday 9.30am - 1pm Durrow: Wednesday & Thursday 10am - 2pm & Friday 11am to 2pm

Remembrance Masses

Our Annual Masses of Remembrance for those who died during the past year will take place in Rathdowney Church on Saturday 31st October at 6.00pm and in Durrow Church on Friday 6th November at 7.00pm. If you wish to have a candle presented at this Mass in memory of your deceased relative, please contact the Parish Office on 085 26 25 033 (Durrow) or 0505 46282 (Rathdowney) or email durrow@ossory.ie or rathdowney@ossory.ie Please let us know who will be there on the night to present the candle Candles will be supplied by the Parish.