

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Pat Fitzpatrick, Cuan Bhríde, Month's Mind
Patricia Bergin, Castlegrogan.
Peggy & Charlie O'Reilly, Church Street

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2026

Errill 9.30am: Jimmy & Lucy Bergin, Knockardgannon
Jim & Anna Somers, Churchquarter

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK IN RATHDOWNEY

Tuesday: Service of the Word and Distribution of Eucharist
Wednesday–Friday: Mass at 10am

Recent Deaths: Andrew Henderson, The Conoboro
Mary Delaney, Ballydavis, Portlaoise
Mary Gray, Knockiel.

Anniversaries: Jerry Behan, Errill
Margaret Nolan, Errill

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Ned Stenson & deceased members of the Stenson family, Donaghmore
Michael & Mary Ann Creagh, Harristown

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2026

Errill 9.30am: Colm Tierney, Knockardgannon
Fr. Joe Campion, Lisduff
Patsy Kelly, Knockardgannon

Collections

Weekend 3rd/ 4th October 2026

Loose Plate - €219 Envelopes €1,116

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

Concert in St Andrews

On Friday 16th Oct 8pm sharp: Performances by
Timahoe Male Voice Choir & The Ballacolla Caocheleles Band.

Tickets €20 Available from 087 9031222 or at the door.

There will be a raffle on the night and light refreshments.

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.

Anam Cara,

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent
Support Evening on

Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age their
child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was.

You do not need to register in advance.

**We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more
call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie**

Newsletter for the Parishes of Durrow and Rathdowney 10th / 11th October 2026 28th 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



**Tickets €30 available from both of our Parish Offices (opening times below)
Or through www.michaelenglish.ie**

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.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30pm: Michael & Esther Fogarty, Newtown, Cullohill
Kathleen Kinsella, Portlaoise

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2026

Durrow 11.00am: Mary Kelly, St Fintan's Tce, 1st anniversary
Ena Maher, Carrigan St. 1st Anniversary.

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK

Mon to Fri: Mass in Durrow at 8.50am.

Recent Deaths: Patrick (Paddy) Tynan, Dunmore, Durrow
Andrew Henderson, The Conoboro
Mary Delaney, Ballydavis, Portlaoise

Anniversaries: Billy Kirby, Gurteen
Alice & Barry Dunton, Cullohill .

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30pm: Kathleen Kenny and all deceased members of the
Kenny family, Ballydavin

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2026

Durrow 11.00am: Ann Parkinson, Seandoire. 1st Anniversary

Collections:

Weekend 3rd /4th October 2026

Loose Plate € 399 Envelopes € 968

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.



Major Restoration of the Church Tower

In recent times it has become apparent that there some
significant structural problems in the tower of Holy Trinity
Church Durrow. The wooden Louvres (Slanted beams) on
all four sides of the tower are rotting, and each is framed in
steel. These present a significant health and safety risk.
When the tower was examined earlier in the summer other
major difficulties with the pointing of stonework were also
identified. The upshot of all this is that some major restora-
tion work is necessary and as a matter of urgency. The work is scheduled to
begin on **Monday 19th of October**. The work will take approximately
**four to six weeks. From after mass this weekend the doors across
the front of the church will remain locked and entrance to the
church will be through the side aisle doors only.** The front of the
church and the tower will become a building site and therefore a health and
safety risk. I realise this will present an inconvenience, but I ask for your
consideration and cooperation. I am grateful to the Parish Finance
Committee and the diocesan authorities who have worked with me to
address this problem. Together with other necessary works to repair the
Lightning conductors on the church carried out earlier in the year this major
repair job **will cost in the region of €90,000.** Your ongoing weekly financial
support for the parish through the blue envelope collection was never more
needed and appreciated.

Fr. Martin