

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2026

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

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026

Errill 9.30am: Ann Carroll, The Derries

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK IN RATHDOWNEY

Tuesday–Friday: Mass at 10 am

Recent Deaths: Eleanor Fitzpatrick (nee Dolan), Coolfin
Mick Delaney, Graigueavallagh.
Lynton Seymour-Whiteley, Somerset.
(Reverend Richard Seymour's Father)

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

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

Collections

Weekend 26th / 27th September 2026

Loose Plate - € 285 Envelopes € 1,687

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

We welcome into Rathdowney Parish Community

Rian Thomas Fitzpatrickd who is being baptised this weekend.



St Andrews

Harvest Festival takes place on Sunday 11th October at 11 am in St Andrew's Church, Rathdowney All are welcome.

There will also be a Concert in St Andrew's Church,

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.

Harvest Evening Service will take place at St Columba's Church, Rathsaran on Sunday 18th October at 7 pm. All are welcome

Youth Café Notice

It is time for the Rathdowney Youth Café to reopen but unfortunately we are not able to open for the present 6th Class due to lack of volunteers. If anyone would like to help out with a couple of hours a month on Fridays from 7 to 8.30 pm please contact Mags on 087 7546745.

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

Newsletter for the Parishes of

Durrow and Rathdowney

3rd / 4th October 2026

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person
Fintan Fanning - 085 802 1633
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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

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.

Walking Together into a New Chapter

As we begin a new chapter in the life of Ossory and Ferns, we look forward to walking this journey together.

Bishop Ger Nash is looking forward to meeting parishioners from all thirteen pastoral areas over the coming weeks and months. These gatherings will provide an opportunity to come together, listen to one another and have an open and honest conversation about the journey ahead for our Church.

As Ossory and Ferns now share a bishop, what might this new chapter mean for our dioceses, our parishes and our communities? What opportunities might it bring, and what challenges will we need to face together?

As we look to the future, we want to do so with hope. These conversations are an opportunity to reflect together on how we can embrace the opportunities that change brings, while also acknowledging the challenges, hopes and fears that we may carry.

Together with Bishop Ger, clergy, members of the Parish Pastoral Councils and Pastoral Area Councils, everyone is warmly invited to come along and be part of this important conversation.

Thursday, October 8th, Parish Hall, Camross 7pm-9pm.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

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

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK

Mon to Fri: Mass in Durrow at 8.50am.

Anniversaries: Patrick (Paugie) Murphy, Cork Road, Durrow

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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

Collections:

Weekend 26th / 27th September 2026

Loose Plate € 343 Envelopes € 886

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.

Cullohill Community Centre

AGM On Wednesday, October 7th, at 8.30pm.

Review of a successful and busy year including

Study Hub, Auction, Pilates, Comhaltas, Handball, Cards 25's/Bridge, Creche, Foróige, Squash, Sensory Classes, Speech & Drama Classes, Circuit Training, Personal Training / Mini-Gym, Indoor Soccer, Hip Hop Dancing, Irish Dancing, Sound Bath Sessions, Art Classes, Taekwando, Flower Club, Social Dancing & Badminton and planning for the year ahead. All welcome.

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.

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