MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: **First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass**
Mary Gray, Knockiel. Months Mind
Mick Delaney, Graigueavalla. Months Mind
Mai Clancy, Rapla
Sheila Rafter, Cuan Bhride & Clonmeen.

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2026

Errill 9.30 am: John, Teresa & Michael O'Dea, Clonmeen.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Tues. & Wed: Mass at 10am

Thursday: Service of the Word & distribution of the Eucharist.

Friday 10am: Mass at 10am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Patrick Kavanagh, Quigley Park
Michael Doheny, Daly Terrace
Betty Taplin, Dublin

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2026

Errill 9.30 am: Teresa Kelly, Village View.

Recent Death: Stephen Sheeran Phelan, 2 Harp Rd & Abbeyleix.

Anniversaries: Paddy Loughman, Quigley Pk.,
Sean Hetherington, Quigley Pk.,
Ted & May Carroll, Glosha,
Patrick Keyes, Monamondra.
James & Annie Bowe, Rathdowney

Collections **Weekend 31st Oct / 2nd Nov 2026**

Loose Plate - € 590 Envelopes - € 1820

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.

Castlefleming Community Alert

Will hold its AGM on Wednesday 11th November at 8pm in Dowling's Bar.
All Welcome.

Safefood Ireland - Food Environment Exhibition

Takes place in Rathdowney library from 11-18 November 2026.
Come and see people's vision for a healthier food environment

Rathdowney Errill GAA Club Annual Auction

Sunday 29th November in Rathdowney GAA Grounds at 2pm.
Auction of Timber, Turf & Farming products. Cake sale & chance to win load of Timber.
We are delighted to welcome Rathdowney River Erkina Choir
who will get us into Christmas spirit by performing on day.

Errill Drama Group

Errill Drama Group presents "The Cheque is in the Post", written by Alice Lynch, a hilarious comedy in St. Bernadette's Community Hall on Friday 20th, Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd November. This will be a great night's entertainment not to be missed. Curtain up at 8:00 pm. Admission €12 at the door. There will be a raffle also for some lovely prizes. Your support is very much welcomed.

Newsletter for the Parishes of Durrow and Rathdowney
7th/8th November 2026
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person - Ailish Higgins
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Towards Peace Helpline: 01-505 3028
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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; Seamus Clancy; Liam Kavanagh; Pádraig Kiely; Anne-Marie Kiely
Sr. Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney

Parish Office Opening Hours

Rathdowney: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9.30am - 2pm & Friday 9.30am - 1pm
Durrow: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
10 am to 2 pm

Ireland's 3rd National First Saturdays Conference

This year's conference will take place in Knock on Saturday November 28th. The day begins at 10am and finishes at 5pm. It includes Holy Mass, adoration, talks, and a healing service. Speakers include: Fr Patrick Cahill, Geraldine O'Donnell, Fr Leon Pereira OP, Nikki Kingsley, Fr Marius O'Reilly, Fr. Jaimie Twohig, Christine O'Hara, Fr. Mark Quinn, and Fr Philip Kemmy, Fr. John Keane will lead a Eucharistic Healing Service. More information and the list of buses going are available on www.firstsaturdays.ie. At Fatima Our Lady promised that if we did what she asked there would be peace in the world and that many souls would be saved.

Advent Retreat

Friday November 27th (arrive between 4 & 5pm) to Sunday November 29th
Come away and rest awhile in the grounds of St. Patrick's Missionary Society set in the beautiful landscape of Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow
To pause to reflect and to celebrate your unique journey as we await the celebration of new life
Price €315 Contact slianchroi@spms.ie or phone 089 4690508

ABIDE Women's Conference 2026 | 20–22 November:

A beautiful weekend of faith, celebration, healing and joy!
Join hundreds of women at the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal for our 3rd Abide Women's Conference! Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Kimberlee Woo Ling, Fr Oisín Martin CFR, Fr Barry Braum, The Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr David Nugent and Fr Mark Wharton, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin.
Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30 pm: **First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass**
Sean Muldowney, Parknahown
Edmund Kenny, Newtown, Durrow

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2026 ALL SAINTS DAY

Durrow 11 am: Dr William & Lil Bannon, their Daughter Fionnula and son Liam, The Square, Durrow.
Margaret (Peg) Phelan, Knockanoran, Durrow

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Monday to Friday: Mass in Durrow at 8.50am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30 pm: Andrew Henderson, Conoboro Rd., Months Mind
Jack Dunphy, Oldtown, Cullohill.

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2026 – All Saints Day

Durrow 11 am: John & Margaret Brophy, Carrigan St.
Joseph Murphy, The Square, Durrow
Margaret Moore, Tubberboe
Ronan Lawlor, Mill Rd., Durrow.

Collections **Weekend 31st October/ 1st November 2026**

Loose Plate - €306 Envelopes - € 2101

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

Notice of Electricity Supply Interruption:

ESB Networks have notified us of an interruption to the supply of electricity to Holy Trinity Church in Durrow on Sunday 15th Nov '26 between the hours of 9am -4pm. There will be Mass in the Church at 11am as usual

Laois Volunteer Centre Consultation

Voluntary groups, volunteers and organisations with a stake in volunteering across Laois are invited to meet up and have their say on how the Laois Volunteer Centre can advance volunteering across the county at a stakeholder engagement workshop on Wednesday, November 11, from 7 pm to 9 pm in The Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise. All are welcome, but booking is essential via https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/2003350301681