

**MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH**

**SATURDAY 31st August**

**Rathdowney 6pm** Joe Peters, Mooreville  
Thomas & Mary Creagh, Cloneeb  
Bridget Campion, Coolkerry

**SUNDAY 1st September**

**Errill 10 am:** Brid Davin, Eglishe & Ann Butler and all deceased members of the Butler and Davin Families.

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK**

**Monday - Rathdowney** No Mass  
**Tuesday to Friday:** Mass at 10 am

**MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY 7th September**

**Rathdowney 6pm:** Margaret (Peg) & Andrew Bergin, Kilcoran  
Sydney Kinsella, Johnstown Glebe  
Jimmy Gilmartin, Quigley Park

**SUNDAY 8th September**

**Errill 10 am:** Trishia Button, Castlefleming

**Recent Deaths:** Patrick O'Brien, Shinrone, Offaly father of Teresa Flanagan  
James Joseph John Jordan Jnr, Errill & Tullamore  
Niall Deegan, formerly Mountrath who died in London  
Funeral Mass takes place in Mountrath on Friday 6th Sept at 10 am

**Anniversaries:** Jack, Anastasia & Paddy Mahon, Harristown  
Joe, Maragaret & Michael Peters, Harristown  
The Loughman Family, Harristown

**Collections Weekend 24th / 25th August 2024**

Loose Plate - €287 Envelopes - € 750

**Adoration**

Adoration will resume on 5th & 6th September  
Rathdowney on Thursday after Mass until 12 noon

Errill on Friday from 10am until 12 Noon.

Rosary will continue each evening - Monday to Friday at 5.30pm on the Webcam

**Anam Cara**

Anam Cara are holding an **ONLINE Bereavement Information Evening** on Tuesday 3rd of September at 7pm. Our guest speaker for this month's talk is Bryan Nolan. Bryan has an M.A .Healthcare Chaplaincy DCU , Certified Healthcare Chaplain, End of Life and Grief and loss specialist, Training and facilitation expert. The monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents takes place on Wednesday 11th September at 7:15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel  
Contact Numbers: Office 01 4045378  
Information Line 085 2888 888 or if call from Northern Ireland 028 95213120  
Web Address [www.anamcara.ie](http://www.anamcara.ie)

**Congratulations**

Nicola Smeaton & Michael O'Hanlon  
who were married on Friday



**Newsletter for the Parishes of**

**Durrow and Rathdowney**

**31st August / 1st September 2024**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Grásta**

Preparing for Marriage? Weekend residential course available 20-22 September 2024.  
Details: [www.grasta.org](http://www.grasta.org) or at [info@grasta.org](mailto:info@grasta.org)

**Culture Night in Rathdowney 2024**

Join us for drumming and visual art workshops, during Aug – Sept, in preparation for a joyful Culture Night event on 20 Sept 2024. The Arts Office, Laois Co. Council and Music Generation Laois welcome individuals and groups of all ages to take part. For Info: [www.laois.ie](http://www.laois.ie) /  
E: [arts@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:arts@laoiscoco.ie) / T: 057 866 4033

**Chair Yoga**

For men and women in Rathdowney Community Centre.  
Mondays at 6.30 starting from 9th September - €3 per class.  
Contact Caroline at 086-885 2503

**Restoration Fund Draw**

Tickets are now available from the Parish Office for the Diocese of Ossory Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw  
Tickets €120 for 12 monthly draws  
10 prizes each month - Top prize €2,000

**Information Afternoon**

Rathdowney Town Team & Laois County Council are organising an information afternoon for local businesses & community groups on Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 3 to 6 pm in the Clochar Centre, (Old Convent School)  
This is a free event and information will be available for anyone starting a business, looking for refurbishment grants for vacant buildings and Community / Sports groups seeking support or grants.

**Sponsored 3km & 5km Walk/Run**

In aid of Crumlin Children's Hospital will take place on Sunday 8th September  
Registration 11 am Start Time: 11.30 am  
Start/Finish from Marian Centre, Rathdowney. Fee: €10 per person  
Refreshments served afterwards

**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; Carmel Ruane; Mary Ryan; Vicky Murphy;  
Margaret Murphy; Seamus Clancy; Sr. Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney

**Relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes**

The Diocese of Ossory will host a visit of the Relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny.

This is an initiative to bring a small piece of Lourdes to Ireland and make it possible for more people to experience something of what is close to the hearts of those who travel on our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes each year.

**Celtic Brothers in Concert**

Come along and enjoy an evening of great music with the Celtic Brothers starring The Willoughby's in the Cathedral, Thurles Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
All proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing Project. Tickets €30 now on sale in Thurles Parish Centre (0504 22229), Bookworm (0504 22257) and Holycross Abbey Shop (0504 43124).  
Book early to avoid disappointment.

**Parish Office Opening Hours**

Normal Hours recommence on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
**Rathdowney**  
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am to 2pm  
**Durrow**  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

**MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH**

**SATURDAY 31st August**

**Cullohill 7.30 pm:** Paddy Dunphy, Cullohill Mountain, Months Mind  
Liam Dunphy, Bunlacken

**Durrow 7.30 pm:** Mick Monahan  
Margaret McGree  
Mick Kenna, Erkindale Drive  
Brian Kelly, Durrow

**SUNDAY 1st September**

**Durrow 11.15 am:** Cemetery Mass

**Durrow**

**Monday - Friday:** 8.50am  
**Saturday:** 11am

**MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY 7th September**

**Cullohill 7.30 pm:** Tony Bergin, Gurteen  
**Durrow 7.30 pm:** Mary O'Shea, Tubberboe

**SUNDAY 8th September**

**Durrow 11.15 am:** Ann Vaughn, Tinweir, 1st Anniversary  
Brigid Kavanagh, Carrigan Street

**Anniversaries:** Frances O'Leary, Tinweir; Patrick O'Leary Tinweir; Simon Dunphy, Patrick Street

**Collections Weekend 24th / 25th August 2024**

Loose Plate - € 214 Envelopes - € 685

**Adoration**

Adoration in Cullohill Church every Thursday morning from 8.50—9.50am, in Durrow directly after 8.50 am Mass (finishes at 11.30 am) on Mondays and on Fridays from 7-8pm.

**We welcome into Durrow Parish Community**

**Una Aurora Deegan**  
who are being baptised this weekend



**Church Cleaning Cullohill & Durrow**

Thank you to Rapla & Aughmacart for cleaning the church in Cullohill in August  
This month it falls to Cannonswood.  
In Durrow, Team A will clean the church during the month of September.

**SAFEGUARDING**

Designated Liaison Person - Ailish Higgins - 085 802 1633  
[safeguarding@ossory.ie](mailto:safeguarding@ossory.ie)  
Gardaí 1800 555 222 / TUSLA – Laois/Offaly 044 935 3997  
Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313 416 / [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)  
Towards Peace Helpline: 01-505 3028 / [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie)

**Parish Representatives**

**Rathdowney** - John Casey & Helen Campion  
**Durrow** - Michael Killeen & Sarah Brophy