#### MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER

Rathdowney 6pm: John Carroll, Castletown, Donaghmore

Tommy & Mary Murphy, Borris Mór, Urlingford

John O'Shea, Templequain

SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER

Errill 10 am: Joe & Kathleen, Bergin, Ballybuggy

Mick Ryan, Lyrogue

Masses During the Week

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 24th December: Christmas Eve

Helen Feeney, Templemore Rathdowney 6 pm: Errill 9 pm: William Delaney, Rossmore

Wednesday 25th December: Christmas Day

Jack & Frances Flanagan, Tullacommon Rathdowney 10 am:

Brendan Walsh, Errill Village

THURSDAY 26th DECEMBER: ST STEPHENS DAY

Rathdowney 10am:

Friday Mass at 10 am

> MASSES NEXT WEEKEND SATURDAY 28TH DECEMBER

Rathdowney 6pm: John Peters, Mooreville

Loughlin (Lot) Campion, Kyle

SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER

Errill 10 am:

**Recent Death:** Geraldine Silano (nee Gibbons), Mullingar & Rathdowney

#### **Anniversaries:**

Maisie Gorman, Errill & deceased members of the Gorman Family: Alice, John & John Joe Fitzpatrick, Kilcoran; Michael Maher, Johnstown Glebe. Josephine & Felix Quinn, Donegal; Máire, Micháel & Dónal Ó Colmáin, Dublin.

#### Collections Weekend 14th / 15th December 2024

Loose Plate - € 332 Envelopes - € 2559.50

#### Adoration

Adoration will resume in Rathdowney on Thursday 16th January 2025 and in Errill on Friday 17th January 2025

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





Newsletter for the Parishes of **Durrow and Rathdowney** 21st / 22nd December 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent



# Parish Office Opening Hours

#### Rathdowney

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.30am - 2pm

& Friday 9.30am - 1pm Durrow

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10 am to 2 pm

Parish Offices will remain closed until 7th/8th January 2025

#### Rathdowney GAA Lotto Results

No results to hand

#### **Errill GAA Lotto Results**

Winning Numbers 20 - 22 - 26 - 27 No Jackpot Winner—No Match 3 5 X €20: Eddie Dowling Errill; Arlene Cleere, Errill; Helen Fortune, Rathdowney; Pat Bowe, Clonmeen; Siobhan Kelly, Church Quarter Christmas Draw: €50 Carmel Campion, €50 Joyce McKinley €50 Helen Fortune Next weeks jackpot €6,750.

# Sr Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney Durrow Martin Lawlor; Mary Lawlor; James

Mary O'Dea, Tadhg Keane;

**Pastoral Council Members** 

Rathdowney

Tony Holohan; Fran Doyle; Maureen

Guilfoyle; Oliver Kennedy Mary Nolan,

Assumpta Casey; Helen Campion;

Walsh; Vicky Murphy; Margaret Murphy; Seamus Clancy; Liam Kavanagh; Pádraig Kiely; Anne-Marie Kielv Sr. Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney

#### **SAFEGUARD**ING

Designated Liaison Person -Ailish Higgins - 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



#### **Towards Healing**

A confidential and free counselling service, Phone 1800 303 416. They provide face to face counselling, structured phone counselling, family counselling and a counselling helpline for people who have experienced institutional, clerical or religious abuse in Ireland.

#### **A Christmas Greeting**

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas it is a time to be grateful for many blessings, particularly for the people who enrich our lives in so many different ways and allow us to be the best versions of ourselves.

I want to thank you the parishioners in both of our communities for your loyalty and commitment expressed in so many different ways. I thank you for your kindness and support to me, personally. The challenge of being the pastor in two parishes is, at times, quite daunting and yet it remains the privilege of my life as a

I am very conscious of the families who have lost loved ones in 2024 and the pain of the empty chair at this year's Christmas table. You are very much in my thoughts and prayers during these days and I hope that something of the Light of this season can penetrate the darkness of your sorrow and loss.

Happy Christmas

Fr. Martin

#### MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

#### SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER

Cullohill 7.30 pm: Statia Dunne, Cullohill

Durrow 7.30 pm: Liz Fogarty, Ballyragget, Months Mind

#### SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER

Durrow 11.15 am: Maisie Campion, Cork Road

John Delahunty, The Bridge

### Masses During the Week

#### Monday 23rd December

Durrow 11am:

Tuesday 24th December: Christmas Eve

Durrow 11am: Durrow 4.30pm: Cullohill 7.30pm:

#### WEDNESDAY 25th DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS DAY

Durrow 11.15am: Patrick & Peter Kavanagh, Carrigan St

Elizabeth Monahan, Erkindale Drive Noel Cooney, Erkindale Drive

THURSDAY 26th DECEMBER: ST STEPHENS DAY

Durrow 11am:

Friday: 11am Saturday: 11am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

# SATURDAY 28th DECEMBER

Cullohill 7.30 pm:

Jimmy Dunne, Belmont

Durrow 7.30 pm:

#### SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER

Durrow 11.15 am: Peggy Dempsey, Swan Road

Bridie & James Hennessy, Chapel St

**Recent Death:** Tommy Dollard, Dereen, Durrow, died in England

**Anniversaries:** Dawn Shorthall, Mill Road

#### Collections Weekend 14th / 15th December 2024

Loose Plate - € 654 Envelopes - € 2,960

## **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.

#### Do you have a family member or friend in a nursing home?

Sr. Anita and I like to visit parishioners who are living in Nursing Homes or other Care settings. Unfortunately, we don't have accurate knowledge about all of our parishioners from Durrow and Cullohill who are in Nursing Homes. I'm asking if you have a relative or know of someone from the parish in any Nursing Home or long-term care centre to please let us know. You can contact me, or Sr. Anita directly or alternatively leave the details in the Parish Office.

Fr. Martin