

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER

Rathdowney 2pm: Funeral Mass for Ber Smeaton, Daly Terrace
Rathdowney 6pm: Bill & Mai Whelan, The Conoboro
Sally Whelan, Donaghmore
Stella Higgins, Kildare

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER

Errill 10 am: Delia and Pat Phelan, Glebe House, Donaghmore
Thomas & Mary Wall, Rossmore

MASSES DURING THE WEEK - RATHDOWNEY

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER

Rathdowney 10 am - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

Tues Mass at 10am
Wed 10 am Mai O'Sullivan, Moore Street, Anniversary
Wed 12 Noon Mass and the Sacrament of the Sick in Cuan Bhride Day Centre
Thurs & Friday Mass at 10 am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER

Rathdowney 6pm: Lily Murray, Daly Terrace
Lil & Eddie Bergin, Daly Terrace
Sally & Joe Kennedy & their daughter Eileen

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER

Errill 10 am: **First Communion Preparation Mass**
Patrick & Mary Keane, Castlefleming
Charlie Campion, Lisduff
Michael Campion, Lisduff
& his parents Michael and Johanna, Clonmeen

Recent Death: Bernadette (Ber) Smeaton, Daly Terrace

Anniversaries: Ann Howard, Pound St; Billy O'Brien, Donaghmore;
James & Annie Bowe, Rathdowney; Ann Bowe, Graigue; Paddy & Julia Mahon, Harristown; Robert & Mai McGrath, Clonmeen & deceased members of the McGrath Family.

Collections Weekend 30th November / 1st December 2024

Loose Plate - € 279 Envelopes - € 915

Adoration

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.

Errill National School

The Errill NS Parent's Association are holding a **Bake Sale** on Sunday 15th December from 10.30am - 12.30pm in Ray's Lounge.

Kids can enjoy a hot chocolate and cookie.

Any donation of baked goods gratefully accepted.

The children will have a small toy and book stall on the day.

Epilepsy Ireland

Epilepsy Ireland wish to express their gratitude to all those who contributed to their Annual Church Gate collection, last weekend. The collection generated a total of €450 which will go towards their vision of achieving a society where no person's life is limited by epilepsy.

We welcome into Rathdowney Parish Community

Beau Patrick Ryan

who is being baptised this weekend



Newsletter for the Parishes of

Durrow and Rathdowney

7th / 8th December 2024

Second 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

Anam Cara

will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your 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

SAFEGUARDING

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

Thank You from Fr Martin

After our very successful concert last weekend, I would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make it such an occasion.

The Ushers and Car Park Attendants, those who erected the stage, put up the Christmas Tree, prepared the seating and decorated the Church.

The staff in our Parish Office who dealt with ticket sales and seating plans, Those who donated prizes for the raffle - congratulations to our prize winners.

A special word of thanks to our Parish Choir for their performance on the night and their dedication throughout the year.

And finally, many thanks to the man without whom it would not have been possible

Daniel O'Donnell

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

Centenary of the death of

Canon Carrigan

This week on the 12th of December we mark one hundred years since the death of William Canon Carrigan.

A Conference to mark the Centenary will be held in St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny on Friday and Saturday the 13th and 14th of December.

On next Sunday the 15th of December Bishop Niall Coll will come to Durrow to celebrate the 11.15am Mass in honour of Canon Carrigan.

In the afternoon, Denis Bergin will present **Learning from the Canon** in Bob's Bar Theatre, The Bridge, Durrow at 2.30 pm.

Refreshments afterwards

Denis Bergin grew up in Castlewood and has kept in touch with his native place during a long career as a writer, editor and publicist that has brought him to reside and work in Ireland, the United States, and mainland Europe. In this light-hearted illustrated talk he will trace Canon Carrigan's life and influence through the locations where he lived, studied and ministered, ending with his thirty years in Durrow until his death on December 12 one hundred years ago.

Scoil Aireagail Winter Concert

Knocktopher Church - Tuesday, 10th December, 2 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of music and song in celebration of the festive season. All are welcome, and there will be a bucket collection in aid of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP).

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER

Cullohill 7.30 pm: Caroline Dunne (née Dollard), Oldtown

Durrow 7.30 pm:

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER

Durrow 11.15 am: Bláth Dunleavy, Patrick St, Months Mind
Kay Ruth, Dublin, 1st anniversary

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

Cullohill 11 am

Durrow 11.15 am

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Durrow

Tuesday - Friday:

8.50am

Saturday:

11am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER

Cullohill 7.30 pm: **First Communion Preparation Mass**

Durrow 7.30 pm: Vera Fogarty, Dereen, Months Mind
Jimmy Fogarty, Dereen

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER

Durrow 11.15 am: **MEMORIAL MASS FOR CANON CARRIGAN**

CELEBRATED BY BISHOP NIALL COLL

Harold Lawlor, 1st Anniversary

John, Jack and Norah Phelan, Castle St

Eileen Ryan, Newtown

Recent Death:

Brigid (Bridie) Foyle, Aghaboe, Ballacolla

Anniversaries:

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Loose Plate - € 370 Envelopes - € 1,863

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.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Cullohill Community Centre / Community Council
Christmas Dinner and refreshments with light entertainment
compliments of Cullohill Community.

Sunday, December 8th Cullohill Community Centre 1.00 – 5.00pm.
Contact any of the committee members below to confirm your attendance
before Thursday, Dec. 5th.

Olivia Spencer 086 8405960 Vincent O'Sullivan 087 4168549

Ciara McEvoy 086 1717546

Church Gate Collection for Diocesan Youth Helpers

Five Transition Year students from Coláiste Mhuire, Johnstown, including Eoin Holland from Cullohill, will be travelling to Lourdes next May as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage.

These students will be Youth Helpers for assisted pilgrims. Each student has to fundraise to cover their costs associated with the trip.

There will be a Church gate collection in Cullohill on Saturday 14th & Durrow on Sunday 15th December to assist Eoin. All support greatly appreciated.