

**MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH**

**SATURDAY 4TH JANUARY**

**Rathdowney 6pm:** Oliver Browne, Moore St  
Kathleen Lupton & deceased members of the White,  
Corry & Fogarty families.  
Jer Campion, Coolkerry

**SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY**

**Errill 10 am:** Kathleen Hassett, Lisduff 1st Anniversary  
Ger & Teresa Dowling, Knockardgannon & deceased  
members of the Dowling & Tierney families.  
Sonny O'Connor, Lismorouga.

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK**

**MONDAY 6TH JANUARY**

**Rathdowney 10 am** Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

**Tuesday & Wednesday** Mass at 10 am  
**Thursday 10 am** Elizabeth Fields & deceased members of the Fields &  
Drake Families.

**Friday** Mass at 10 am

**MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY 11TH JANUARY**

**Rathdowney 6pm:** Mary Gray, Daly Terrace Months Mind  
Betty O'Brien, Donaghmore. 1st Anniversary, also  
remembering her husband Billy & son John.  
Liam Cummins, Knockiel. 1st Anniversary  
Margert (Peg) Smeaton, Church St.

**SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY**

**Errill 10 am:** William Keyes, Knockardgannon Months Mind  
Mary Hetherington & deceased members of the  
Hetherington family Harristown

**Recent Death:** Mairead Gaffney Moore, Village View, Errill

**Anniversaries:**  
Margaret Keyes, Andy Dowling & deceased members of the Dowling Family,  
Clonmeen.

**Collections Christmas & Weekend 28th/29th December 2024**

Loose Plate - € 2,167 Envelopes - € 2,843

**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.

**Funeral Masses on our Website**

In order to comply with GDPR regulations  
recordings of funeral masses will be available on our website  
for one month only.

All previous funeral masses have been removed.  
Copies of past funerals are available to family members on request.  
Contact the Parish Office re same.

**If you wish to have the name of your deceased family member included in  
our weekly newsletter, please contact the parish office in person / by email  
durrow@ossory.ie / rathdowney@ossory.ie or phone  
(Durrow) 085 26 25 033 / (Rathdowney) 0505 46282 by midday on Thursday.**

**Newsletter for the Parishes of**

**Durrow and Rathdowney**

**4th / 5th January 2025**

**2nd Sunday of Christmas**

**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 reopen on  
7th / 8th January 2025*

**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

**Community Employment Vacancies**

The Community Employment Project in  
Rathdowney has several vacancies for  
people to work with them in Rathdowney,  
Errill & Borris in Ossory.

See www.jobsireland.ie Search Community  
Employment Vacancies in Laois and you  
will see what is available in this area.

There is a New pilot initiative to extend  
Community Employment (CE) eligibility to  
people over 50 years of age signing for  
Jobseeker's Benefit Credits Only (JBCO) or a  
combination of Jobseeker's Benefit (JB) and

JBCO for 12 months or more.

Contact Maureen on 0872035203

for more details

**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.

**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

**Cois Nore Outreach, Urlingford**

This is a local free and confidential  
service supporting those who need it  
to live well with cancer and also has  
services for their families.

The Mill FRC, Main Street,  
Urlingford.

Available 10am-12 noon every Friday

**Parish Shops**

Both parish shops have a new range of  
gifts in stock for First Communion,  
Christenings and other events.

Candles, Rosary Bracelets, Crosses & Chains,  
Rosary Beads, Bibles, Grave Ornaments  
Come in and have a look!

We also carry a large range of signed Mass  
Cards and Mass Bouquet's for a variety of  
intentions.



**MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH**

**SATURDAY 4th JANUARY**

**Cullohill 7.30 pm:** Judy Brophy, Aughmacart, 1st Anniversary  
**Durrow 7.30 pm:** Anna May Kenna, St Fintan's Terrace

**SUNDAY 5th JANUARY**

**Durrow 11.15 am:** Tommy Dooley  
John Shorthall  
Charlotte Walsh, Ballykealy

**MONDAY 6TH JANUARY**

**Cullohill 11 am** Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord  
**Durrow 11.15 am** Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK**

**Monday to Saturday** Mass in Durrow at 11am

**MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY 11th JANUARY**

**Cullohill 7.30 pm:** May White  
**Durrow 7.30 pm:** Martin Mahony, Dereen, Months Mind

**SUNDAY 12th JANUARY**

**Durrow 11.15 am:**

**Collections Christmas & Weekend 28th/29th December 2024**

Loose Plate - € 1,740 Envelopes - € 2,271

**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.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**

The Annual pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from April 22nd to 29th 2025,  
staying at Hotel Leone. 7 Nights half board €799 per person sharing,  
with single supplement of €210. Travel insurance is extra.

Deposit of €350 & Travel Insurance secures your place.

Balance of €449 to be paid by 28th January 2025

Full religious programme led by Fr Martin Delaney. For more information and  
booking details contact Group Leader Mary O'Dea on 087 3170084

**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*