

**MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH**

**SATURDAY 15th MARCH**

**Rathdowney 6pm:** Betty Maher (nee O'Brien) Months Mind also remembering her brother Mossie.  
Pat Meehan, Erkina Court  
William Hogan, The Conoboro

**SUNDAY 16th MARCH**

**Errill 10 am:** **First Holy Communion Preparation Mass**  
Mary (Mai) Mulvihill, Church St 1st Anniversary and also remembering her husband Martin.  
Michael Lalor, Clonmeen  
Ann Marie Bowden, Village View

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK**

**MONDAY 17th MARCH ST PATRICK'S DAY**

**Rathdowney 10 am:** Paddy Lowry, Cappalanan.

**Tuesday 10am:**

**Wednesday 10 am:** William & Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Kyledellig & their daughter Marian.

**Thursday & Friday:** Mass at 10 am

**MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY 22nd MARCH**

**Rathdowney 6pm:** Hannah Finane, Mooreville.  
Anthony McKelvey, Village View, Errill.  
Mary & Jack Whelan, Ballyedmond & their sons Peter & Martin.

**SUNDAY 23rd MARCH**

**Errill 10 am:** Patrick Behan, Clonburren Moor Months Mind.  
Peg & Jim Fox, Kylemelawn, Errill.

**Recent Death:** John Joe Phelan, formerly Daly Terrace who died in London

**Anniversaries:** John Dowling, Clonmeen.  
Paddy & Mai White, Church St.  
Annie Maher, Moore St.  
Kathleen Delaney, Harristown.  
Josie Behan, Errill.

**Collections Weekend 8th/ 9th March 2025**

Loose Plate - € 293 Envelopes - € 1613

**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

**We welcome into Rathdowney Parish Community**

**Reggie Ború Russell**

**who was baptised last weekend**



**St Patrick's Day Parade**

The St Patrick's Day Parade takes place on Sunday 16th March 2025 from 11 am to 2 pm with live music, family fun and entertainment.

To facilitate this brilliant community event the Square will be closed for parking from 6 pm on Saturday the 15th until 4 pm on Sunday 16th.

Thank you all for your continued support.

See you on the 16th!

**Newsletter for the Parishes of**

**Durrow and Rathdowney**

**15th / 16th March 2025**

**Second Sunday of Lent / St Patrick's Day**

**Parish Office Opening Hours**

**Rathdowney**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9.30am - 2pm

& Friday 9.30am - 1pm

**Durrow**

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

10 am to 2 pm

**SAFEGUARDING**

Designated Liaison Person -

Ailish Higgins - 085 802 1633

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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

**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



**Welcome Home..... to God this Lent**

Pope Francis declared 2025 as a Jubilee Year of HOPE. A Jubilee Year only occurs every twenty-five years. The idea of a Jubilee Year goes back to ancient Biblical times. In the Bible, the Jubilee was a sacred moment when debts were forgiven, captives were set free, and relationships were restored. Keeping that idea of Jubilee in mind I invite you to use this Lent as an opportunity to avail of God's mercy and forgiveness, to let go of past burdens and to restore relationships in your life which may have become fractured or broken.

During this Lenten Season there will be a unique opportunity to celebrate God's forgiveness and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I invite you to this experience which will have three distinct steps.

1. On the weekend of **29th/30th March** I will be speaking at all Masses on the theme of forgiveness and the restoring of broken relationships. Then during the following week, I ask everyone to use this time to prepare to celebrate the sacrament. It is a time to reflect on our lives and particularly on those areas where there may be a need to change or a relationship that needs to be healed.
2. At all four masses in both parishes on the weekend of **5th /6th of April** there will be an opportunity to come forward to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be four priests available so if you wish, you are invited to come forward at the end of Mass to celebrate the sacrament. You wont need to say anything beyond 'I ask for God's forgiveness'. The priest will then pray the words of Absolution with you.
3. Following your celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation you will be asked to go and do something practical as a thanksgiving for receiving God's forgiveness. This could be a random act of kindness, a donation to charity or the seeking out of someone you need to be reconciled with.

Three steps: **Prepare, Celebrate, Begin Afresh.** A unique opportunity to come home to God this Lent  
*Fr. Martin*

**MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH**

**SATURDAY 15th MARCH**

**Cullohill 7.30 pm:** **First Holy Communion Preparation Mass**  
**Durrow 7.30 pm:** Donie Phelan Ballinaslee Months Mind

**SUNDAY 16th MARCH**

**Durrow 11.15 am:** Tunde Nwagwe, Attanagh, Months Mind  
Sheila and John Moylan  
Eileen Phelan, Derry Road

Irish dancers will participate in this Mass in honour of St Patricks Day.

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**MONDAY 17th MARCH ST PATRICK'S DAY**

**Cullohill** Mass at 10.00 am

**Durrow** Mass at 11.15 am

**Tuesday to Friday:** Mass in Durrow at 8.50am

**MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY 22nd MARCH**

**Cullohill 7.30 pm:** Joseph Whyte, Rapla

**Durrow 7.30 pm:**

**SUNDAY 23rd MARCH**

**Durrow 11.15 am:** Michael Soames  
Anastacia "Maud" Dunne, Dunmore  
Peadar Duggan, Lakefield & his sister Nancy Duggan

**Recent Death:**

**Collections Weekend 8th / 9th March 2025**

Loose Plate - €211 Envelopes - € 1105

**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.

**St Vincent de Paul**

Cullohill branch will hold a church gate collection before Mass on Saturday 22nd March. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

If you need to contact St Vincent de Paul, the number is 087-131 0650

**Please Note**

If you are including a cheque in any of your envelopes, please make the cheque payable to Rathdowney Parish or Durrow Parish as appropriate.

These Cheques should not be made payable to Fr Martin or to the name of the Church itself.

Please DO NOT scratch out your envelope number. It is not incorrect, we have renumbered the envelopes.

**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](mailto:durrow@ossory.ie) / [rathdowney@ossory.ie](mailto:rathdowney@ossory.ie) or phone (Durrow) 085 26 25 033 / (Rathdowney) 0505 46282 by midday on Thursday.**