

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 29th MARCH

Rathdowney 6pm: Kathleen Carroll, Kilbreedy
PJ Costigan, Coolkerry
Matthew Clancy, Rapla

SUNDAY 30th MARCH

Errill 10 am: Kieran O’Dea, Level Meadows
Angela Tighe, Kylemelawn
Peg McGrath, Clonmeen

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Monday
No Mass

Tuesday 11am: Funeral Mass for Denis Geraghty, The Glebe

Wednesday 10 am: Nicholas Carney, his father Edward & mother Nora & all deceased relatives.

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

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 5th April

Rathdowney 6pm: Thomas Creagh, Johnstown Road Months Mind
Sean Creagh, Mooreville
Thomas & Marcella Byrne, Ballybuggy
& deceased members of the Webster Family.
Kathleen Rene Lediard, Golf Links Road

SUNDAY 6th April

Errill 10 am: Kathleen & Christy Merlehan, Mullingar & their son Peter

Recent Deaths: Nicholas Meagher, Ballybuggy
Denis Geraghty, The Glebe, Rathdowney

Anniversaries: Kathy Dowling, Daly Terrace & deceased members of the Dollard Family, Coolnacritta, Cullohill
Edward Carney, Knockiel Road;

Collections Weekend 22nd / 23rd March 2025

Loose Plate - € 249 Envelopes - € 671

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

Elle Mary McCracken

who is being baptised this weekend



Family Carers

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland’s 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

St Bernadette’s Community Hall—Another Brick in the Wall

As St. Bernadette’s Community Hall is nearing its official opening we are finalising our order for bricks. If you wish to buy a brick please contact a committee member as soon as possible as the deadline for placing our order is Friday 4th April. Many families have clubbed together to buy a family brick. If you have already made a donation and want a brick your initial donation will count towards the cost. Bricks cost €250.

Contact any of the following - Pat Lalor, Helen Campion, Mary Nolan, Leonard Moore, Siobhan Kelly or any committee member.

Newsletter for the Parishes of

Durrow and Rathdowney

29th / 30th March 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

An Examination of Conscience for Pilgrims of Hope

A reflective journey through the Jubilee path of forgiveness and renewal

Introduction:

“Lord, you know me and love me. As I walk the road of life, help me to see where I have stumbled, where I have turned away, and where I need your mercy. Guide me now as I walk this path of reflection and prepare to receive your forgiveness.”

Station 1: Setting Out – My Relationship with God

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...” (Luke 10:27)

Do I make space for God in my daily life—through prayer, silence, Scripture

Have I trusted more in myself than in God’s mercy and providence?

Do I treat the sacraments as treasures or routines?

Have I turned to other things—busyness, distraction, or habits—instead of turning to God?

Pause and pray:

“Lord, walk with me. Teach me to begin again with you.”

Station 2: On the Road – My Relationship with Others

“Love one another as I have loved you.” (John 13:34)

Is there anyone I need to forgive, or ask forgiveness from?

Have I spoken words that hurt, judged others harshly, or failed to speak when love called for courage?

Have I been generous with my time, attention, and resources—or have I closed my heart?

Have I been patient in conflict, kind in disappointment, and just in all relationships?

Pause and pray:

“Lord, help me walk the road of mercy with others.”

Station 3: Carrying Burdens – My Relationship with Myself

“Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Matt 11:28)

Do I carry guilt or shame I have not brought to God’s mercy?

Have I spoken to myself with harshness, or neglected the care of my body and mind?

Do I remember that I am loved, even in weakness?

Have I allowed fear or pride to block the path of healing?

Pause and pray:

“Lord, help me forgive myself as you have forgiven me.”

Station 4: Turning Home – My Call to Hope

“Behold, I make all things new.” (Revelation 21:5)

What is Jesus inviting me to leave behind today?

What new steps is He calling me to take in faith and trust?

Have I shared hope with those who are discouraged, or have I added to their burden?

How can I walk as a Pilgrim of Hope in the week ahead?

Pause and pray:

“Lord, give me the courage to return to you. Lead me in the way of peace.”

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you are the way, the truth, and the life. I come to you in humility and hope. You know the roads I have taken—some straight, some winding. You know my stumblings, my sorrows, my sins. And still, you call me forward. As I prepare to receive your forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, help me to trust in your love. Heal what is wounded, lift what is fallen, and lead me onward as your pilgrim of hope. Amen.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

SATURDAY 29th MARCH

Cullohill 7.30 pm:

Durrow 7.30 pm: Tom & Ellen Lalor, Cork Road
John Dunphy, Derry Road

SUNDAY 30th MARCH

Durrow 11.15 am:

Pilar Delaney, Erkindale Drive, 1st anniversary

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Monday to Friday:

Mass in Durrow at 8.50am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 5th April

Cullohill 7.30 pm:

Ann Marie Delaney, Ballynevin, Months Mind

Durrow 7.30 pm:

SUNDAY 6th April

Durrow 11.15 am:

Richard Snr & Sarah Dempsey, The Square
Michael & Ellen Dempsey, The Square & all deceased members of the Dempsey family.

Recent Death:

Dr Liam Bannon, Letterkenny & formerly
The Square, Durrow

Collections Weekend 22nd / 23rd March 2025

Loose Plate - €313 Envelopes - € 1,943

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.

Church Cleaning - Cullohill & Durrow

Thank you to Oldtown for cleaning the church in

Cullohill in March and to Team C in Durrow

This month it falls to Bunlacken & Cullohill Mountain in Cullohill and in Durrow, Team D will clean the church during the month of April

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

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