

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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**Churches reopen for Masses and services from Monday 10 May.**

Thanks to all our efforts and sacrifices, normality is beginning to return.

Deepest appreciation for every sacrifice and effort made. The first Mass in the parish will be at 9am on Monday 10th and we will follow the programme from before.

Weekdays:

<b>Rathkenny</b>	Monday,	9am
	Wednesday	9am
	Friday	7.30pm
<b>Grangegeeth</b>	Tuesday	7.30pm
<b>Rushwee</b> ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Thursday	7.30pm

Weekends:

<b>Rushwee</b>	Sat Vigil	6.30pm
<b>Rathkenny</b>	Sat Vigil	7.30pm
<b>Grangegeeth</b>	Sunday	10am

**Rathkenny**    Sunday    11.30am

Sincere thanks to all who helped with cleaning and stewarding last year. Please contact me during the coming week if you can continue (no pressure) and if you are a new volunteer, you would be most welcome.

**Meeting of cleaners** after Mass (9.20am) Wednesday 12 May.

**Meeting of stewards** after Mass (8pm) Friday 14 May.

The Month of the Rosary

Pope Francis is encouraging us to say a Rosary each day in May for an end to the pandemic. A Rosary will be said online from a Marian shrine.

### Guidelines

Government guidelines for religious services are available at the back of the churches.

They are:

- 2 meters social distancing,
- masks and hand sanitizer,
- separate entrance and exit,
- no meeting up before or after Mass,
- stewards to assist.

Also, **1st Communion and Confirmation** are not to take place at this time. Bishop Deenihan has asked us to postpone 1st Communion until

September and we have decided to do so.

Confirmation will proceed when it is safe to do so.

Thank you for your patience.

I will offer Mass with Fr. Timothy in Lobinstown, this weekend and next, and daily Mass at 10.30am with Mass on RTÉ News Now.

The Readings - **click on pic. above**

The readings this week are helpful.

In the **first reading** it takes Paul a while to be trusted by the disciples. It will take us a while to rebuild families and community.

St. John in the **second reading** says 'Our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active'. We've seen this in many ways over the past year.

**The Gospel** talks of the vine and the branches. We've had to practice many different ways to stay connected with Jesus, church and community over these last months.

### Online Donations

Online donations can now be made to parish and diocesan collections via the Diocesan website [HERE](#)

**Thanks** to all who have returned envelopes, for parish funds, priest's offerings and Trócaire, over the past few weeks.

### Easter Blessing

May the Lord bless you this Easter time:

Bless you with faith, guard you against doubt

Bless you with hope, uplift you in despair;

Bless you with love, keep you from fear;

Bless you with grace, calm you in trouble;

Bless you with mercy, help you to forgive

Bless you with joy, comfort you in sorrow;

So that your heart may rejoice in the Risen Lord