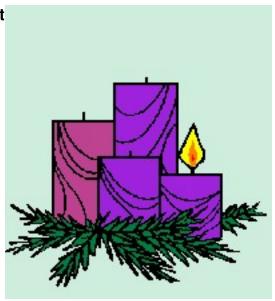**1st Sunday of Advent**

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  Advent for us has a very clear end point as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour at Bethlehem. He never leaves us. And throughout our pandemic journey He has always been by our side. Perhaps some of us had to use 'Face Time' more to keep in contact with our loved ones in recent times. Advent offers us a journey that leads to Face time with the Christ child lying in a manger. And, we all know, that is only the beginning of our many encounters in this new Church year with the face of Christ.　　　　**+** Denis Nulty

Masses this weekend and in the coming week

Saturday	6.30pm	Rushwee	
Sunday	10.00am	Grangegeeth	Pat Devin and deceased members of family
			Johnny Carpenter and deceased members of
family			
	11.30am	Rathkenny	Lal and Daisy Monaghan
			Al Mongey and deceased members of family

Mon	10.00am	Rathkenny	
	7.30pm	Rushwee	
Tue	9.00am	Rathkenny	
	7.30pm	Grangegeeth	
Wed	8.30am	Rathkenny	
Thur	7.30pm	Rushwee	
Fri	7.30pm	Rathkenny	Parish List of the Dead - First Friday
Sat	6.30pm	Rushwee	
Sun	10.00am	Grangegeeth	Ann, Thomas, Joe and Pat Wogan
			Noel Morgan
	11.30am	Rathkenny	Deceased members of the Curtis family,

Rathkenny,
        and Faganstown

Thanks also to all who helped with cleaning and stewarding in our churches and thanks to our sacristans.
There are no capacity limits on churches currently.
Please use all the space in the churches to allow some space between people from different households.
Masks are stillrequired along with hand sanitation and cough etiquette.

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, Trócaire, cemeteries and other collections over the past weeks.

Pope Francis tweeted 'Let us be fearless amid the messy situations all around us, because that is where the Lord is, in our midst; God continues to perform his miracle of bringing forth good fruit.'