

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Thanks to all who are making it possible for us to return to Mass: sacristans, cleaners and stewards. The wearing of face masks is being recommended and masks are available at the entrance to the churches. Please consider helping with stewarding or cleaning the church. It is too important to be left to a few people.

**Masses this week** For:

**Rathkenny**

Sun	11.30am	Elizabeth Halligan, Brendan Curtis,
Mon and Wed	9.00am	
Fri	7.30pm	
Sat	11.30am	<b>Feast of the Assumption.</b> Parish Feast day

**Rushwee**

Sat	6.30pm	John Reilly, Gabriel Doyle.
Thurs	7.30pm	

**Grangegeeth**

Sun	10.00am	Nancy Kealey
Tues	7.30pm	Kathleen Mooney

Thanks to all who shared the Masses during the past week for those buried in our cemeteries. Your following of the guidelines, about gatherings and social distancing, is very important. In lieu of a cemetery collection this year, envelopes are available at the churches; perhaps you would like to make a contribution towards the upkeep of the cemeteries.

**John Hume**, who died during the week, knew that peace-making was complicated. As he said in his Nobel Laureate speech,

*‘Difference is an accident of birth and it should never be the source of hatred and conflict. The answer to difference is to respect it.’*

His son said that in our modern world he’d talk about our common humanity, the need to respect diversity and difference, to protect democracy, to value education and place

non-violence at the centre. He would stress the need for a living wage, a roof over our head, decent healthcare, appealing to the goodness of every human being and never giving up.

**Mass intentions next weekend**

Sat Rushwee 6.30pm

Sun Grangegeeth 10.00am William and Alice O Reilly and Maureen Key

Sun Rathkenny 11.30am Larry Rowan and deceased members Rowan family

**Meath diocesan pilgrimage** to Knock is a virtual pilgrimage this year. Please watch [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

from 2.30pm this Sunday.

**Face Masks**

In light of the current situation, Bishop Deenihan writes:

At this time it is important that we would encourage our parishioners in all of our parishes to wear face masks in church. Face masks are available at the doors of the church. At this time too we feel solidarity with our parishes in Co Offaly who have no public masses, 8 people at a funeral and 25 people in a cemetery. Please follow the guidelines so that we won't follow them. Praying God's blessing on you at this time.

+ Tom Deenihan