

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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Keep Christ at the centre of Christmas

This is the theme of the Bishops' letter for the reopening of churches.

*'We extend our sincere gratitude to parish teams throughout the country
- including stewards and cleaners - who generously ensure that our churches are safe
environments where people can confidently assemble
for worship. Their task, as Christmas approaches, will not be easy and we appeal to
all the faithful to cooperate fully with them*

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(a copy of the letter is in the porch of the church)

Kells Cleaning Services have been contracted to sanitize Rathkenny church, which will allow the rapid turnover of Masses, without the usual cleaning times.

Bishop Deenihan has written a Christmas message to us all and copies are available in the churches, and on the parish website, [SEE LINK BELOW](#).

Masses this week

Saturday 6.30pm Rushwee	Michael and Mary Brady
7.30pm Rathkenny	
Sunday 10am Grangegeeth	Noel Morgan and parents Tony and Rose
11.30am Rathkenny	Patsy Halligan

Monday	9am	Rathkenny	
Tuesday	7.30pm	Grangegeeth	Madge White
Wednesday	9am	Rathkenny	
Thursday	5pm	Rathkenny	Christmas Eve
	6.30pm	Rushwee	
	8pm	Rathkenny	
	10pm	Rathkenny	
Friday.	9am	Rathkenny	Christmas Day
	10am	Grangegeeth	
	11.30am	Rathkenny	

ALL MASSES WILL BE ONLINE ONLY
FROM SATURDAY 26th (**St Stephen's Day**)

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CANCELLED MASSES:

Saturday.	11am	Rathkenny	(St Stephen's Day) ☐☐
	6.30pm	Rushwee	Edward and Joe Corrigan
	7.30pm	Rathkenny	
Sunday	10am	Grangegeeth	
	11.30am	Rathkenny	John, Maemie and Teresa Meade

The bishops, in their recent letter, encourage us to experience the spiritual richness of the season; to

have a crib or Nativity scene

(from a card) in a prayer space in our homes.

A special prayer for Advent is available at the churches so that we can be united in prayer, at home or in church, over the next few days. Click

[HERE](#)

A Special prayer for Christmas Masses is available [HERE](#) , and in the churches.

BISHOP DEENIHAN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE [HERE](#)

- Numbers will be limited, so please consider how you might spread your attendance over the 7 Christmas Masses, and 5 on next weekend. The bishops, in their guidelines, suggest attending Mass on any of the 12 days of Christmas.
- Outside speakers will be available, as will a Mass which will be available online.
- St Vincent de Paul will have some new challenges to face this year. Thanks to all who supported their collection last weekend. Envelopes remain available to help this worthy cause, and thanks to the volunteers who put a human face to our help, with their kindness and confidentiality.

ONLINE DONATIONS

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

Please read the note from the Bishop, attached below.

Note from the Bishop:

There is now a live online donation facility via the Diocese of Meath website (www.dioceseofmeath.ie) which will allow individuals to donate either direct to their Parish of their choice or to one of the central Diocesan funds. There are two electronic 'Donate Buttons' on the front page of the website. The first button is called 'Parish Collections'. This button allows you to donate to any of our 69 Parishes. The second button is called 'Diocesan Collections'. This allows a donor to donate to any of the central Diocesan fund, the fund for Sick and Retired Priests or the fund for the Training of Students for Priesthood.

