

### Ascension Day



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### **Pope Francis says,**

*'The Solemnity of the Ascension lifts our gaze upwards, beyond earthly things. At the same time, it reminds us of the mission the Lord has entrusted to us here on earth. May the Holy Spirit guide us in the battle we must wage.'*

#Pontifex.

**Rip Mary Walsh (nee Kiernan),** Boston, and formerly from Creewood

Saturday 6.30pm Rushwee

7.30pm Rathkenny Vera Collins, 1st Anniversary

Sunday 10.00am Grangegeeth  
11.30am Rathkenny Ellen Mc Donagh, 1st Anniversary

Monday 9am Rathkenny  
Tuesday 7.30pm Grangegeeth  
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### Cleaning and Stewarding

**Sincere thanks** to all who are helping with cleaning and stewarding, and thanks to our sacristans.

Please contact me if you can help, and if you are a new volunteer you would be most welcome. It was great to get back to Mass during the past week and thanks to all who made it possible by sacrifices made over the past months.

Pope Francis is encouraging us to **say a Rosary each day in May** for an end to the pandemic.

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

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

Also **1st Communions 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.

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mation will proceed when it is safe to do so.

### 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 do

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