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This Pentecost Sunday we pray for the grace of a deep need of appreciation of the Gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Now that we cannot be as physically present to each other as we would wish, the gift of being spiritually present out of care, concern and love is a very special gift. We give thanks for the Promise and the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

We are invited to reflect on the words spoken at our Confirmation. Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed us from sin and gave us new life. Send your Holy Spirit to be our Helper and guide, give us the fruits of the spirit. Your spirit of Wisdom and Understanding. Your Spirit of right judgement and courage. Your Spirit of Knowledge and Reverence. Your Spirit of Wonder and Awe in your Presence.

Trócaire Boxes, Priests Dues And Weekly Offertory Donations

We have received enquiries from parishioners asking how they might be able to return their Trócaire Boxes, Priests Dues and Weekly Offertory collection envelopes. If you wish Trócaire Boxes/Weekly Envelopes and Dues Envelopes can now be handed into the **Parish Office, Ballybrown on any Monday, Thursday or Friday from 11.30am to 1.30pm OR Patrickswell Church from 3pm to 5pm on Saturday 30th, Sunday 31st May or Friday 5th June.** For those who are not on the weekly envelope system donations can be given into Parish Office or Patrickswell Church with your name, address and how you wish your donation to be allocated.

We are in the process of setting up electronic options for people which will make it easier for you to support the parish and priests online.

We are very grateful to those who have returned their Trócaire Boxes and Weekly envelopes to date. It goes without saying that we are acutely aware of the changed financial situation for many.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Livestream Online Church Concerts during Covid-19

Short 30-40 minute concert every Tuesday at 1.00pm live by internet from Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Rathdowney, Laois featuring local and international singers and musicians. Next lunchtime concert Tuesday 2nd June features the Cullinanes.

Webcam link here <https://www.rathdowneyparish.ie/webcam/>

Past performers include the Creaghs, Paul O'Brien one of the members of The High Kings, the Scott family, Veronica Dunne and many others. For taster of past concerts see recording of 19th May concert by the Creaghs

on <https://vimeo.com/420638970>

Pastoral Unit 6: Patrickswell/Ballybrown, Mungret/Raheen/Creora, St Paul's.

Mass via Raheen Webcam: People are encouraged to join spiritually in the celebration of Mass at St.Nessan's Church Raheen Week Days on the webcam at 10a.m., Saturdays at 6.00pm and Sundays at 11.00a.m.

To view Mass on Webcam: Go to www.mcrparish.com Click on Live Stream at top of screen. You can also tune in at <https://www.churchservices.tv/raheen> If a family would like their intention to be remembered in Raheen, please contact the Parish office, Ballybrown or the Sacristan in Patrickswell and they will be included at the 10.00am mass daily and 11.00am mass on Sundays.

CONFIRMATION CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Sunday May 31st Pentecost Sunday

You are invited to join via social media in the celebration of Masses throughout the Diocese of Limerick that will focus on preparation for Confirmation and The Ceremony Of Light. Bishop Leahy will celebrate Mass and the Ceremony Of Light in Saint John's Cathedral at 12 Noon live-streamed on <https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickcathedral>

In addition, Mass will be celebrated in St.Nessan's Church Raheen including The Ceremony of Light at 11.00am. Go to www.mcrparish.com

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