

## Abbeystrewry Union of Parishes

## "Pew Sheet"



## for Sunday 2nd May ~ The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Return of Church services. ~ Following An Taoiseach's speech during the week, 'in person' services can return from the 10<sup>th</sup> May. As was agreed at a recent select vestry, we will have a passed or gradual return of services. Our first Sunday service will be 11.30 in Abbeystrewry on Sunday 16th May. We will continue to have an online presence, probably the service will be recorded and uploaded onto YouTube and Facebook.

**Confirmation Classes.** ~ Please contact the rector if any in your household would like to begin confirmation preparation through this parish. Confirmation classes have started, we have six candidates who have started the process, and once they have had a few classes we will merge this class with the candidates from last year, making 16 candidates in total! Please note that it is impossible to know when the confirmations will be taking place (or even where they will be taking place)!

Bishop of Cork Pastoral Care Fund~ The Bishop is launching a new charity for the benefit of those in this parish. If you would like to be a funder member of this fund at its launch on Trinity Sunday, the 30th of May, please contact the rector for more details. There will be a retiring collection for this charity at some stage when our churches return to public worship.

Walk for Burundi ~ The diocese is committed to supporting a Christian Aid project in Burundi turning maize into flour to generate an income above subsistence level for local farmers. Since the pandemic, donations from the parishes has been severely curtailed (for obvious reasons). The Rev. Tony Murphy is planning to walk 5km's in each of the 32 parishes in the Diocese. He is planning to walk on a 5km route in this parish on Tuesday 4th May from 2pm. If you would like to join Tony (and the Rector!) please contact the rector for more details. Please note that due to Covid restrictions two or three people maximum). For more details the diocesan article can be found here:

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