

## RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY

Sun Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, 11am Morning Mass

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#### RATHOWEN/STREETE

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Mon Aug 19<sup>th</sup>**

Rathowen 7pm

**Tues Aug 20<sup>th</sup>**

Boherquill 9.30am

**Wed Aug 21<sup>st</sup>**

Rathowen 8pm, Holy Souls

**Thurs Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Rathowen 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

**Fri Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Rathowen 9.30am

Boherquill 8pm, Adoration 7 – 8pm

Extra ordinary minister for Aug – Teresa Daly

Reader for Aug – Margaret Beirne

MASS in August – Boherquill, Sat 8pm

Rathowen, Sun 11am

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sun Aug 18<sup>th</sup> at 11am**

Marta, Paul, Nora Dunleavy & DFM. Patrick, Marta, Damien,

Tom, Enid Doody & DFM

**Sun Aug 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am**

Mary Murphy

Offertory collection for last weekend and the Holy day was €305. Thank you for your support.

#### Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

Sun Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, bus going from Edgeworthstown at 10.45am.

#### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?  
(Luke 12:51)

Well, yes, as a matter of fact. Didn't Isaiah announce the coming of the "Prince of Peace" (9:5)? Didn't the angels sing, "Peace on earth" on the night Jesus was born (see Luke 2:14)? Of course he came to establish peace on earth!

That may be true, but at the same time, the aged Simeon prophesied that Jesus would be "a sign that will be contradicted" (Luke 2:34). In fact, Jesus' entire public life seemed to be marked by division and controversy. Pharisees and Sadducees argued over him. The Jewish Sanhedrin couldn't come to agreement. Even one of his close followers turned traitor on him. So is Jesus a source of peace? Or is he a source of division? He's both.

[www.rathowenparish.ie](http://www.rathowenparish.ie)

## STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY

Sat Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, 8pm Vigil Mass

[www.streeteparish.ie](http://www.streeteparish.ie)

Extra ordinary minister for Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – Enda Murphy

Reader for Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – Anne Murphy

MASS in August – Boherquill, Sat 8pm

Rathowen, Sun 11am

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat Aug 17<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**

Paddy Reilly (months mind)

**Sat Aug 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**

James & Kathleen Sheridan

Offertory collection for last weekend was 170. Thank you for your support.

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#### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (continued)

Jesus knows that not everyone will embrace his message and the peace that comes with it. He also knows that divisions will arise because of this. On a grand scale, we have seen this in religious conflicts around the globe. And on a more intimate scale, we see this in many families. On the one hand are those who have accepted Jesus and the blessings of his salvation. On the other hand are those who have yet to embrace the salvation that Jesus came to bring. At times, the differences can be so strong as to cause conflict and separation. Jesus is the Prince of Peace because he came to bring peace to our divided hearts. And as our own divided hearts are healed, we learn how to love as he loves and how to forgive as he forgives.

**"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."**

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