

## RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen  
Second Sun of CHRISTMAS  
Sun Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 10am Morning Mass  
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### RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY MASSES

**Mon Jan 6<sup>th</sup>**

Rathowen 10am

Boherquill 8pm

**Tues Jan 7<sup>th</sup>**

Boherquill 9.30am

**Wed Jan 8<sup>th</sup>**

Rathowen 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

**Fri Jan 10<sup>th</sup>**

Rathowen 7pm

Boherquill 8pm, Adoration 7 – 8pm

Extra ordinary minister for Jan – Angela Connaughton

Reader for Jan – Silvia Farrell

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sun Jan 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

Kathleen Shields (months mind)

**Fri Jan 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

Michael Kelly

**Sun Jan 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

No intention

Offertory collection for last weekend was €172. Thank you for your support

### FEAST of the EPIPHANY

Holy day of obligation – Mass on Mon Jan 6<sup>th</sup> in Rathowen at 10am and in Boherquill at 8pm

### LOURDES COLLECTION

A second collection will be taken up after Communion next Sun to support the sick that will travel to Lourdes this year with the Ardagh & Clonmacnois pilgrimage

### PARISH DRAW

Thanks to all who gave prizes, sold tickets and bought tickets. A special word of thanks to the members of the finance committee and pastoral council. The parish draw made a profit of €2,700

### The Epiphany of the Lord

*They departed for their country by another way. (Matthew 2:12)*

Today we celebrate the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy that God would shine his light on all the nations, not just Israel. That's certainly what happened to the Magi as they followed a star to the home of the new-born King of the Jews. But it seems that God's light led them somewhere they didn't expect. And that's often what light does. Think about it. Following their own religious traditions, the Magi believed that the appearance of a new star heralded the birth of a new king.

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

## STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill  
Second Sun of CHRISTMAS  
Sat Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, 8pm Vigil Mass  
[www.streeteparish.ie](http://www.streeteparish.ie)

Extra ordinary minister for Jan 11<sup>th</sup> – Pat Devaney

Reader for Jan 11<sup>th</sup> – Ber Fagan

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat Jan 4<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**

Vincent & Margaret Daly & Adrienne

**Sat Jan 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**

Michael & Elizabeth Fagan, DFM

### FEAST of the EPIPHANY

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### BINGO

Bingo every Mon night at the Parish Park, Streete. – Everyone Welcome

### The Epiphany of the Lord (continued)

So intending to make a diplomatic visitation, they journeyed to King Herod's court in Jerusalem. But instead of leading them to a royal palace, the star ultimately led them to a humble home in Bethlehem. They accepted the light they received and kept looking for more, ready for whatever course correction might come their way. In the end, they found themselves before Jesus, not only the King of the Jews, but also the Lord of all creation. Receiving, leaning into, and seeking more light made them more open and able to receive even more light. And that's what Epiphany is all about. It's a revelation that changes our hearts.

**"Lord, make today an epiphany for me too!"**

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