

RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen

BAPTISM of the LORD

Sun Jan 12th, 10am Morning Mass

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RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues Jan 14th

Boherquill 9.30am

Wed Jan 15th

Rathowen 8pm, Confessions & Adoration 7 – 8pm

Thurs Jan 16th

Rathowen 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Fri Jan 17th

Boherquill 8pm, Adoration 7 – 8pm

Extra ordinary minister for Jan – Angela Connaughton

Reader for Jan – Silvia Farrell

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Jan 12th at 10am

Bernadette Moran

Sun Jan 19th at 10am

Dan Duck

Mass for the Holy Souls, Wed Jan 15th at 8pm in Rathowen.

Offertory collection for last weekend was €246. Thank you for your support

LOURDES COLLECTION

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

St. Mary's N.S. Rathowen

Enrolment day for children starting school in September 2020 will be held in the school on Thursday, 30th January at 2 pm. The parents/guardians and children who are being enrolled should attend. Enrolment forms will be available on the day.

The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)

He shall bring forth justice to the nations. (Isaiah 42:1)

Today marks the end of the Christmas season. The stories of Jesus' birth are over. Baptized by John and filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus is now ready to proclaim the good news. So let's take a quick look back at some of the events that have brought us to this point. We began Advent reading about how all the nations will stream to God's holy mountain (Isaiah 2:1-5). But after that, we read mostly about humble, everyday people: the elderly priest Zechariah; Joseph, a prayerful carpenter and his young wife, Mary; shepherds on a hillside. There's a short journey to Bethlehem, a simple birth, and a child in swaddling clothes. About the most glamorous event was a visit from some mysterious figures from the East. So where are the "nations" that Isaiah prophesied? Today's feast offers an answer. Jesus isn't waiting for the world to come to him; he is going out to it. He will accept baptism and then go out and "bring forth justice to the nations" (Isaiah 42:1).

www.rathowenparish.ie

STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill

BAPTISM of the LORD

Sat Jan 11th, 8pm Vigil Mass

www.streeteparish.ie

Extra ordinary minister for Jan 18th – Mary Mulligan

Reader for Jan 18th – Michael Fagan

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Jan 11th at 8pm

Michael & Elizabeth Fagan, DFM

Fri Jan 17th at 8pm

Joseph & Peggy Quinn, DFM

Sat Jan 18th at 8pm

John & Maureen Keary

Offertory collection for last weekend was €250. Thank you for your support

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BINGO

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

DANCING CLASSES

Resume Sun 12th at 8pm in Streete Parish Park – All are welcome

PARISH LAND

Contact Moore Bros, Auctioneers & Valuers if you are interested in renting the parish land this year at 044 9371193

The Baptism of the Lord (continued)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, he will travel all over Palestine and "open the eyes of the blind . . . bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness" (42:7). Ever since the day of his baptism, Jesus has been going out into the world. First he did it himself. Then he sent out Peter and Paul and the other apostles. And now he is sending you. (The Word Among Us)

"Here I am, Lord! Send me out to share your good news."

Fr Nigel Charles 087 7009433/043 6685847

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

1214 This sacrament is called Baptism, after the central rite by which it is carried out: to baptize (Greek baptizein) means to "plunge" or "immerse"; the "plunge" into the water symbolizes the catechumen's burial into Christ's death, from which he rises up by resurrection with him, as "a new creature."⁶

1215 This sacrament is also called "the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit," for it signifies and actually brings about the birth of water and the Spirit without which no one "can enter the kingdom of God."⁷