

## RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen

### SECOND SUNDAY

Sun Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am Morning Mass

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### RATHOWEN/STREETE

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Tues Jan 21<sup>st</sup>**

Boherquill 9.30am

**Wed Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Rathowen 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

**Thurs Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Rathowen 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

**Fri Jan 24<sup>th</sup>**

Boherquill 8pm, Adoration 7 – 8pm

Extra ordinary minister for Jan – Angela Connaughton

Reader for Jan – Silvia Farrell

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sun Jan 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

Dan Duck

**Sun Jan 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

Tommy Greene

Offertory collection for last weekend and Jan 6<sup>th</sup> was €537,

Lourdes collection €107. Thank you for your support

**Sunday of the Word of God - Third Sunday of Ordinary**

Time (Year A)

#### Introduction

In his Apostolic Letter of 30 September 2019, *Aperuit illis* Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. He already proposed something similar at the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. It is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis is clear from the very first paragraph of this letter that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians.

The Sunday assembly gathering to celebrate the Eucharist is the unique moment in the week where a community gathers in a particular place and when their communal identity is nourished by Word and Sacrament. An important advance in 20th century theological reflection is that every sacramental celebration is founded and constructed upon the Word of God, and that every proclamation of the Word of God is sacramental.

This Sunday is a time when the community is called to give greater attention not just to the Word of God. It is also urged to reflect on how we honour that Word in our celebrations, the books that we proclaim the Word from.

#### 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.

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

## STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill

### SECOND SUNDAY

Sat Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 8pm Vigil Mass

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

Extra ordinary minister for Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – Enda Murphy

Reader for Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – Tara Fagan

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat Jan 18<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**

John & Maureen Keary

**Sat Jan 25<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**

Patsy Owens

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#### BINGO

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

#### DANCING CLASSES

Resume Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 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

#### What is the Word of God?

We often identify the Bible as the Word of God. This is not wrong, but God speaks to our hearts in many different ways. For instance, he speaks to us in prayer and through our conscience, and often through other people. Hence, the Word of God covers much more than a printed book. Nevertheless, the Bible is the privileged collection of communications between God and his people. These stories and poems have nourished the lives of the people of Israel and the Christian Church right through the centuries, and they continue to nourish us today. They tell the story of God's love and our salvation from ancient times onwards.

#### Magic of the Musicals

Cnoc Mhuire, Granard proudly present their school show "Magic of the Musicals" on the 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2020. A host of talented dancers, singers and musicians, from all year groups will guarantee a great night's entertainment, showcasing to the community, the amazing talent that Cnoc Mhuire has to offer! Tickets €12.50 available from the office. ph 043 6686231

Fr Nigel Charles 087 7009433/043 6685847

#### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

1285 Baptism, the Eucharist, and the sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the "sacraments of Christian initiation," whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace.<sup>88</sup> For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed."<sup>89</sup>