

RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen

Sixth Sunday

Sun Feb 16th, 10am Morning Mass

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RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon Feb 17th

Rathowen 7pm

Tues Feb 18th

Boherquill 9.30am

Wed Feb 19th

Rathowen 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Thurs Feb 20th

Rathowen 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Fri Feb 21st

Rathowen 9.30am

Boherquill 8pm, Adoration 7 – 8pm

Extra ordinary minister for Feb – Teresa Daly

Reader for Feb – Margaret Beirne

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Feb 16th at 10am

Mary Carroll

Sun Feb 23rd at 10am

Steven Clancy (months mind)

Offertory collection for last weekend was €313, Thank you for your support.

Pastoral Council meeting this Tues Feb 18th at 9pm in the parochial house, Rathowen

Novena in Reparation to the Holy Face of JESUS, St Mel's Cathedral, Longford from Sunday, February 16th to Monday, 24th. Weekdays, Monday to Friday at 6pm. Weekend, Saturday and Sundays 4pm. The Novena each day includes the Holy Rosary, Holy Face prayers and Novena as well as a short reflection. Feast of the Holy Face of JESUS 25th February (Shrove Tuesday). Holy Hour and Prayers at 6pm followed by Holy MASS at 7.30pm. An opportunity to venerate an authentic Relic of the Holy Face of JESUS

UNITED IN PRAYER IN THE COMMON PURPOSE OF CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE

The liturgical season of Lent helps us prepare for the great feast of Easter, and for the forty days of Lent (where Sundays are excluded in the counting of the days), we commit ourselves in a special way to prayer, almsgiving, denial of self and ego, and acts of penance. It is, essentially, an act of prayer extended for forty consecutive days that takes us on a spiritual journey that, hopefully, will bring us closer to God. The number 'forty' is mentioned well over a hundred times in the Bible as it held special spiritual relevance in both the Old and the New Testaments with regard to periods of preparation, testing or probation.

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STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill

Sixth Sunday

Sat Feb 15th, 8pm Vigil Mass

www.streeteparish.ie

Extra ordinary minister for Feb 22nd – Mary Mulligan

Reader for Feb 22nd – Orla O'Hara

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Feb 15th at 8pm

Philip & Josephine Duffy, Mary Raven

Fri Feb 21st at 8pm

William & Mary Gerrand, DFM

Sat Feb 22nd at 8pm

Fr Ned O'Hara

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Tues Feb 11th is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and world day of prayer for the sick. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick on Sat Feb 15th at 8pm Mass in Boherquill. We invite you to join us for a cup of tea after Mass in Streete Parish Park.

Offertory collection for last weekend was €370. Thank you for your support

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St Fintan's N.S. Lismacaffrey

St Fintan's N.S. is now enrolling for Sept 2020. Enrolment forms can be collected from the school. Phone 043 6685233

BINGO

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

UNITED IN PRAYER IN THE COMMON PURPOSE OF CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE (continued)

Think of the forty days and nights Moses spent on Mount Sinai before God gave him the Ten Commandments and, in the New Testament, the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert before He began His public ministry. Aside from the fast and abstinence days of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, anything we give up or taken on to do during Lent may be considered self-disciplinary in nature and are often more effective if we see them through every day of Lent, including Sundays and the Irish 'free pass' of St Patrick's Day! Our sacrifices for Lent are not Church or law-governed, but a matter of individual conscience.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

Illness in human life

1500 Illness and suffering have always been among the gravest problems confronted in human life. In illness, man experiences his powerlessness, his limitations, and his finitude. Every illness can make us glimpse death.

1501 Illness can lead to anguish, self-absorption, sometimes even despair and revolt against God. It can also make a person more mature, helping him discern in his life what is not essential so that he can turn toward that which is.

Very often illness provokes a search for God and a return to him.