

## RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen

First Sunday of Lent

Sun March 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am Morning Mass

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### RATHOWEN/STREETE

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Mon March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Rathowen 7pm

**Tues March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Boherquill 9.30am

**Wed March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Boherquill 7am

Rathowen 8pm, Adoration & Confessions 7 – 8pm

**Thurs March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Rathowen 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

**Fri March 6<sup>th</sup>**

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Boherquill 8pm, Adoration 7 – 8pm

Extra ordinary minister for March – Jodie Devine

Reader for March – Peter Newman

Counters for March – Kate Reilly & Angela Connaughton

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sun March 1<sup>st</sup> at 10am**

John Joe & Bridget Lynch, DFM

**Fri March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

Nancy Cox, Sheridan DFM

**Sun March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

Kitty Keane, DFM

Offertory collection for last weekend was €348, Thank you for your support.

Sick and housebound will be visited at the usual times this Thurs & Fri

#### CONFESSIONS FOR LENT

Every Sat, from 11am to 1pm in St Mary's Church, Rathowen

The next Reparation and Adoration Vigil to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of JESUS and Mary is in the Chapel of Our Lady's Manor, Edgeworthstown on the first Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> of March. Confession at 9 pm, followed by Holy Mass in Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Vigil concludes with Benediction and Holy Mass at 5am, in Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Go For Life: Rathowen Community Centre each Wed Evening from 7 – 8pm, join in the fun and keep active

#### 1st Sunday of Lent

*If you are the Son of God . . . (Matthew 4:3, 6)*

What father would send his son on a starvation mission in the wilderness? That's the cunning strategy the devil used: sow doubt about God's goodness and love into Jesus' mind. If he could shake Jesus' trust in his Father, then maybe Jesus would feel less obligated to stay faithful.

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

## STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill

First Sunday of Lent

Sat Feb 29<sup>th</sup>, 8pm Vigil Mass

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

Extra ordinary minister for March 7<sup>th</sup> – Louise Tieman

Reader for March 7<sup>th</sup> – Margaret Baxter

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat Feb 29<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**

William Curtin

**Fri March 6<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**

Bridget Lynch, DFM

**Sat Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**

Luke Kiernan

Offertory collection for last weekend was €335. Thank you for your support

Pastoral Council meeting this Tues, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm in the Parochial house, Boherquill

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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

#### 1st Sunday of Lent (continued)

The temptations pile up until the final gambit: *God isn't helping you here; all he's left you with is hunger and humiliation. Is it worth all the pain? I can give you so much more, so why not bow down to me instead? Do we have a deal?* This is the same strategy the serpent used against Adam and Eve in today's first reading: "Did God really say . . . ?" (Genesis 3:1). *God knows that if you eat that fruit, you'll be just like him. He's trying to keep you from becoming all that you can be because he doesn't want any rivals.* But where our first parents failed, Jesus succeeded. And in succeeding, he opened the way for us to succeed as well. He beat back the devil's temptations by doing the one thing that even we can do when we are tempted: he exercised stubborn faith. (The Word Among Us)

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## The Catechism of the Catholic Church

### GOD COMES TO MEET MAN

50 By natural reason man can know God with certainty, on the basis of his works. But there is another order of knowledge, which man cannot possibly arrive at by his own powers: the order of divine Revelation.<sup>1</sup> Through an utterly free decision, God has revealed himself and given himself to man. This he does by revealing the mystery, his plan of loving goodness, formed from all eternity in Christ, for the benefit of all men. God has fully revealed this plan by sending us his beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.