

RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen
Seventeenth Sun of Ordinary Time
Sun July 26th, 10am Morning Mass
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RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues July 28th

Boherquill 9.30am

Wed July 29th

Rathowen 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Thurs July 30th

Rathowen 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Fri July 31st

Boherquill 8pm, Adoration 7 – 8pm

Extra ordinary minister for August –

Reader for August – Michael O'Hara

Counters for August – Kate Reilly & Angela Connaughton

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun July 26th at 10am

No intention

Offertory collection for the parish of Rathowen for last weekend: €340, Thank you for your support.

6,666

We pray that life will be welcomed, cherished and protected from conception to natural death

Visiting the Sick and Housebound

Visit to the sick and housebound will resume in August. At times of sickness the Sacraments give us strength and healing. I will have to be invited by the sick person or a family member before I can visit with the Sacraments

RATHOWEN PARISH

Confirmation: Sat Sept 12th at 3pm

First Confession: Wed Sept 16th at 7pm

First Holy Communion: Sat Sept 19th at 11am

MEDITATION: MATTHEW 13:44-52

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. (Matthew 13:45)

What are you looking for in life? Everybody is searching for something. Today's Gospel introduces us to someone who is also a seeker: a merchant on a quest for fine pearls. Like many of us, this merchant is searching for something specific. And in the midst of his search, he finds something far more wonderful than what he expected: one single pearl of surpassing value, a "pearl of great price" (Matthew 13:46). Seeing it, he gives up the search for those "fine pearls." He commits himself fully to obtaining that one beautiful pearl—so much so that he sells everything else so that he can buy it. Surely the merchant wasn't able to sell everything all at once. There were probably times when he doubted himself. But he kept at it, day after day, item after item, until he finally had it—the pearl of his dreams. At last he was content!

Handing on the Faith: Catechesis

4 Quite early on, the name catechesis was given to the totality of the Church's efforts to make disciples, to help men believe that Jesus is the Son of God so that believing they might have life in his name, and to educate and instruct them in this life, thus building up the body of Christ.⁷ 5 "Catechesis is an education in the faith of children, young people and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life."⁸

STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill
Seventeenth Sun of Ordinary Time
Sat July 25th, 8pm Vigil Mass
www.streeteparish.ie

Extra ordinary minister -

Reader for Aug 1st – Tara Fagan

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat July 25th at 8pm

No intention

We pray for Maura Meehan who died recently

Offertory collection for the parish of Streete for last weekend: €525 Thank you for your support.

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STREETE PARISH

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First Confession: Wed Sept 23rd at 7pm

First Holy Communion: Sat Sept 26th at 11am

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Jesus says this merchant shows us what the kingdom of heaven is like. It is made up of people like us, searching for happiness. In some ways, the things we seek *can* make us happy. But finding Jesus and being part of his kingdom far surpasses the happiness that anything else can give. In him we find the answer to our deepest longings for love and reconciliation, for security and fulfilment. For purpose and meaning make no mistake: things we long for can often be good things. But remember the merchant. There was nothing wrong with the pearls he was trading in. Yet he sold all of them for that one pearl of great price. (The Word Among Us)

"Lord, help me to see you as a priceless pearl worth everything in my life."

KEEP SAFE & LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER

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The Catechism of the Catholic Church