

## RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen  
Eighteenth Sun of Ordinary Time  
Sun Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am Morning Mass  
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### RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY MASSES

**Tues Aug 4<sup>th</sup>**

Boherquill 9.30am

**Wed Aug 5<sup>th</sup>**

Rathowen 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

**Thurs Aug 6<sup>th</sup>**

Rathowen 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

**Fri Aug 7<sup>th</sup>**

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 Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10am

Joseph Kelly

Offertory collection for the parish of Rathowen for last weekend: €187, 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 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

First Confession: Wed Sept 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

First Holy Communion: Sat Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at 11am

### MEDITATION: ROMANS 8:35, 37-39

*In all these things we conquer overwhelmingly. (Romans 8:37)*  
Julius Caesar. Alexander the Great. Napoleon Bonaparte. Genghis Khan. What do these men have in common? They were among the world's greatest conquerors. They waged military campaigns that took them far and wide, forming mighty empires along the way. Would you include Jesus in that list? Or St. Paul? Or yourself, for that matter? We don't think of Christ, or Christians in general, as conquerors. Jesus died an ignoble death at the hands of the Romans. St. Paul was beheaded by the same empire. They looked more like the conquered than conquerors. Even today many Christians are martyred by those in power. And yet through his sacrifice on the cross and his resurrection from the dead, Jesus conquered the greatest enemies of all: sin and death.

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

## STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill  
Eighteenth Sun of Ordinary Time  
Sat Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 8pm Vigil Mass  
[www.streeteparish.ie](http://www.streeteparish.ie)

Extra ordinary minister -

Reader for Aug 8<sup>th</sup> – Geraldine Gilligan

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Aug 1<sup>st</sup> at 8pm

No intention

Offertory collection for the parish of Streete for last weekend: €365. Thank you for your support.

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### STREETE PARISH

Confirmation: Sat Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am

First Confession: Wed Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm

First Holy Communion: Sat Sept 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am

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### MEDITATION: ROMANS 8:35, 37-39 (CONTINUED)

And because of our baptism into Christ, that's a victory we all share in—no matter what befalls us in this life. Paul's words must have comforted the early Christians whenever they experienced persecution for their faith. Even when it looked like they were "losing," they knew they were actually "winning." They trusted that not even the worst calamity could separate them from Jesus (Romans 8:39)! (The Word Among Us)

### Pope Francis

Jesus, who is the hidden treasure and the pearl of great value, cannot but inspire joy, all the joy of the world: the joy of discovering a meaning for one's life, the joy of feeling committed to the adventure of holiness. May the Blessed Virgin help us to search every day for the treasure of the Kingdom of Heaven, so that the love God has given us through Jesus may be manifested in our words and gestures.

**KEEP SAFE & LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER**

Fr Nigel Charles 087 7009433/043 6685847

## The Catechism of the Catholic Church

### IV. How Can We Speak about God?

41 All creatures bear a certain resemblance to God, most especially man, created in the image and likeness of God. the manifold perfections of creatures - their truth, their goodness, their beauty all reflect the infinite perfection of God. Consequently we can name God by taking his creatures' perfections as our starting point, "for from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator".<sup>12</sup>