

## RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen

Twenty Fourth Sun of Ordinary Time

Sun Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am Morning Mass

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### RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY MASSES

**Tues Sept 15<sup>th</sup>**

Boherquill 9.30am

**Wed Sept 16<sup>th</sup>**

Rathowen 8pm

**Thurs Sept 17<sup>th</sup>**

Rathowen 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

**Fri Sept 18<sup>th</sup>**

Boherquill 8pm, Adoration 7 – 8pm

Extra ordinary minister for Sept – Jodie Devine

Reader for Sept – Peter Newman

Counters for Sept – Kathleen Greene & Jerimiah Nally

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10am

Patrick Kelly

Offertory collection for the parish of Rathowen for last weekend: €260, Thank you for your support.

We pray for the young people from our community who will celebrate the Sacraments of First Confession (Wed Sept 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm) & First Holy Communion (Sat Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at 11am) in St Mary's, Rathowen

### MEDITATION: SIRACH 27:30-28:7

*Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. (Sirach 27:30)*

Grudges. We've all carried them. At some point, each of us has been hurt by a friend, family member, or co-worker. We can feel wounded and hold onto our anger, to the point where it defines us as a victim. But our first reading tells us this is not a healthy response. When Sirach wrote these words two thousand years ago, he was clued into something that modern psychologists are only now coming to understand. Withholding forgiveness affects our physical and mental health. It can elevate our blood pressure, disrupt our sleep, and weaken our immune system. It can decrease our ability to trust people and reinforce a negative mind set about life. Why would we "hug tight" to these things that harm us? Only forgiveness can help us loosen our grip. When we choose to forgive, even if the offender doesn't ask for forgiveness, we stop being that "wronged person." We overcome the stress and bitterness and negativity that were wrapped around us. Best of all, we open ourselves up to the Lord's healing. (The Word Among Us)

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

## STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill

Twenty Fourth Sun of Ordinary Time

Sat Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, 8pm Vigil Mass

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

Extra ordinary minister for Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – Enda Murphy

Reader for Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – Ber Fagan

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm

Helen, Fiona & Hall Gaynor

Offertory collection for the parish of Streete for last weekend: €550. Thank you for your support.

### STREETE PARISH

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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### Totus Tuus Magazine

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### POPE FRANCIS

The crisis we are living due to the pandemic is affecting everyone; we will emerge from it for the better if we all seek the *common good* together; otherwise, we will emerge for the worse. The Christian response to the pandemic and to the consequent socio-economic crisis is based on *love*, above all, love of God who always precedes us (cf. 1 Jn 4:19). He loves us first. He always precedes us in love and in solutions. He loves us unconditionally and when we welcome this divine love, then we can respond similarly. I love not only those who love me — my family, my friends, my group — but also those who do not love me, I also love those who do not know me and I also love those who are strangers, and even those who make me suffer or whom I consider enemies (cf. Mt 5:44). This is Christian wisdom, this is the attitude of Jesus. And the highest point of holiness, let's put it that way, is to love one's enemies, which is not easy.

**KEEP SAFE & LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER**

Fr Nigel Charles 087 7009433/043 6685847

## The Catechism of the Catholic Church

### II. The Stages of Revelation

Even when he disobeyed you and lost your friendship you did not abandon him to the power of death. . . Again and again you offered a covenant to man.<sup>3</sup> - The covenant with Noah

56 After the unity of the human race was shattered by sin God at once sought to save humanity part by part. the covenant with Noah after the flood gives expression to the principle of the divine economy toward the "nations", in other words, towards men grouped "in their lands, each with (its) own language, by their families, in their nations".<sup>2</sup>