

RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen
 Twenty Fifth Sun of Ordinary Time
 Sun Sept 20th, 10am Morning Mass
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RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues Sept 22nd

Boherquill 9.30am

Wed Sept 23rd

Rathowen 8pm

Thurs Sept 24th

Rathowen 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Fri Sept 25th

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 20th, at 10am

Christy & Annie Cox, DFM

Wed Sept 23rd, at 8pm

Rathowen ICA, deceased members

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

MEDITATION: ISAIAH 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways. (Isaiah 55:8)

There's no doubt about it—there are times when we just can't understand why God doesn't see things our way. Why doesn't he just give us the job we want or the healing we are asking for or the reconciliation we long for? *It would make so much sense, Lord, just to do what I'm asking.* But we also know that, in this life at least, we won't always understand God's ways. They are as far above us as the heavens are to the earth (Isaiah 55:9). Today's Gospel illustrates this point exactly. Who would pay the same wage to the laborer who arrived early and the one who arrived an hour before quitting time? Only God can be so generous as to want to care equally for all those who come to him, whether they arrive early or come much later. And that's why we can be thankful that God's ways are so far above our own. Look at how the Lord cared for his chosen people over the centuries. Even though there were many occasions when he could have abandoned them, he never did, no matter how far they had strayed. They only had to seek him to find mercy (Isaiah 55:6-7). (The Word Among Us)

www.rathowennarish.ie

STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill
 Twenty Fifth Sun of Ordinary Time
 Sat Sept 19th, 8pm Vigil Mass
www.streeteparish.ie

Extra ordinary minister for Sept 26th – Louise Tiernan

Reader for Sept 26th – Michael Fagan

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Sept 19th at 8pm

Pat & Annie McNally

Fri Sept 25th, at 8pm

Mary O'Sullivan

Offertory collection for the parish of Streete for last weekend: €245. Thank you for your support.

We pray for the young people from our community who will celebrate the Sacraments of First Confession (Wed Sept 23rd at 7pm) & First Holy Communion (Sat Sept 26th at 11am) in St Mary's, Boherquill

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Totus Tuus Magazine

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POPE FRANCIS

"If someone has not learned to stop and admire something beautiful, we should not be surprised if he or she treats everything as an object to be used and abused without scruple" (*ibid.*, 215). Also in terms of using things and discarding them. However, our common home, creation, is not a mere "resource". Creatures have a value in and of themselves and each one "reflects in its own way a ray of God's infinite wisdom and goodness" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 339). This value and this ray of divine light must be discovered and, in order to discover it, we need to be silent, we need to listen, and we need to contemplate. Contemplation also heals the soul.

KEEP SAFE & LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER

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The Catechism of the Catholic Church

Christ Jesus -- "Mediator and Fullness of All Revelation"²⁵ God has said everything in his Word

65 "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son."²⁶ Christ, the Son of God made man, is the Father's one, perfect and unsurpassable Word. In him he has said everything; there will be no other word than this one. St. John of the Cross, among others, commented strikingly on Hebrews 1:1-2:

In giving us his Son, his only Word (for he possesses no other), he spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word - and he has no more to say. . . because what he spoke before to the prophets in parts, he has now spoken all at once by giving us the All Who is His Son. Any person questioning God or desiring some vision or revelation would be guilty not only of foolish behaviour but also of of-