

RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen
The Baptism of the Lord
Sun Jan 10th, 10am Morning Mass
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RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY ADORATION

Tues, Jan 12th

Boherquill – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Wed, Jan 13th

Rathowen – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Thurs, Jan 14th

Rathowen – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Fri, Jan 15th

Boherquill – Adoration 7 – 8pm

Extra ordinary minister for Jan –

Reader for Jan –

Counters for Jan –

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Jan 10th, at 10am

No intention

Sun morning Mass at 10am live streamed on Rathowen Community Development Facebook page

MEDITATION: MARK 1:7-11

You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased. (Mark 1:11)

Psychologists agree it's important to hear words that affirm us. Not empty compliments, but heartfelt words of love and appreciation. Such words can help us know that the person speaking to us respects and honors us. Affirmations like these can improve our relationships and solidify our commitment to each other. It's interesting, then, that one of the few times we hear the voice of God in the Scriptures—directly, not through a prophet or vision—comes in today's Gospel. God the Father tells Jesus, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11). God was pleased that Jesus was taking this first step in his ministry, and he said so. Right there, in front of John and his disciples, he revealed Jesus' identity and his fatherly love for his Son. You need affirmation like that too. Every day. And it's available to you when you pray and worship God. As you acknowledge who he is, you also acknowledge who you are in relation to him. You open your ears to hear what he thinks about you. You begin to understand that you're his beloved child. That he appreciates your efforts to put aside your concerns to follow him.

www.rathowenparish.i

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1213 Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (vitae spiritualis ianua),⁴ and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word."²

STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill
The Baptism of the Lord
Sat Jan 9th, Vigil Mass
www.streeteparish.ie

Extra ordinary minister for Jan 2nd –

Reader for Jan 2nd –

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Jan 9th

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Parish Envelope Box 2021

You will be able to collect your box of parish envelopes for 2021 by calling me at **087 7009433** and arranging a time to meet. Can I ask you to consider volunteering to bring boxes to other parishioners?

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MEDITATION: MARK 1:7-11 (CONTINUED)

The people in your life need it as well—and some of them need it from you. It's not about saying something just to make them feel good. It's being alert to opportunities—especially unexpected ones—to point out something that you appreciate about them: their efforts to lead a Bible study. Their patient response to an unkind sibling. Their generosity and kindness. Tell them you are glad they are your brother or sister in Christ. Every time you do, you shine a light on the bigger picture of their lives. Let God tell you how he loves you, how he is pleased with you. Then go and do the same for your neighbour. (The Word Among Us)

"Father, thank you for loving me!"

Pope Francis

We know that Joseph was a lowly carpenter (cf. Mt 13:55), betrothed to Mary (cf. Mt 1:18; Lk 1:27). He was a "just man" (Mt 1:19), ever ready to carry out God's will as revealed to him in the Law (cf. Lk 2:22.27.39) and through four dreams (cf. Mt 1:20; 2:13.19.22). After a long and tiring journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, he beheld the birth of the Messiah in a stable, since "there was no place for them" elsewhere (cf. Lk 2:7).

KEEP SAFE & LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER

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