

RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen

Third Sun of Advent

Sun Dec 13th, 10am Morning Mass

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RATHOWEN/STREETE

WEEKDAY MASS

Tues Dec 15th

Boherquill 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Wed Dec 16th

Rathowen 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Thurs Dec 17th

Rathowen 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Fri Dec 18th

Boherquill 8pm, Adoration 7 – 8pm

Extra ordinary minister for Dec – Peter Maguire

Reader for Dec – John Cox

Counters for Dec – Teresa Cox & Maeve Tighe

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Dec 13th, at 10am

Stephen & Eileen Clancy

VISITING the SICK

I plan to visit the sick and housebound in the week, Mon Dec 14 to Fri Dec 18. Please contact me at [087 7009433](tel:0877009433) if you would like me to visit.

Christmas Mass - 2020

I hope we will be able to celebrate the birth of Jesus this year at Holy Mass. Attendance will be limited as result of Covid19. As a result I plan to celebrate an extra Mass on Christmas Eve and on Christmas morning.

Christmas Eve, Thurs Dec 24th

Rathowen 6pm & Boherquill 8pm

Christmas morning, Fri Dec 25th

Rathowen 10am & Boherquill 11.30am

Pope Francis

Let us continue our reflections on prayer. Christian prayer is fully human - we pray as humans, as what we are - it includes praise and supplication. Indeed, when Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He did so with the "Our Father", so that we might place ourselves in a relationship of filial trust with God, and ask Him all *our questions*. We implore God for the highest gifts: the sanctification of His name among men, the advent of His lordship, the realisation of His will for good in relation to the world. The *Catechism* recalls that: "There is a hierarchy in these petitions: we pray first for the Kingdom, then for what is necessary to welcome it and cooperate with its coming" (no. 2632). But in the "Our Father" we also pray for the simplest gifts, for the most of everyday gifts, such as "daily bread" - which also means health, home, work, everyday things; and it also means for the Eucharist, necessary for life in Christ.

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The Catechism of the Catholic Church

126 We can distinguish three stages in the formation of the Gospels:

1. the life and teaching of Jesus. the Church holds firmly that the four Gospels, "whose historicity she unhesitatingly affirms, faithfully hand on what Jesus, the Son of God, while he lived among men, really did and taught for their eternal salvation, until the day when he was taken up."²⁹ 2. the oral tradition. "For, after the ascension of the Lord, the apostles handed on to their hearers what he had said and done, but with that fuller understanding which they, instructed by the glorious events of Christ and enlightened by the Spirit of truth, now enjoyed."¹⁰⁰ 3. the written Gospels. "The sacred authors, in writing the four Gospels, selected certain of the many elements which had been handed on, either orally or already in written form; others they synthesized or explained with an eye to the situation of

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Sat Dec 12th, 8pm Vigil Mass

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Extra ordinary minister for Dec 19th –

Reader for Dec 19th – Anne Murphy

MASS INTENTIONS

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Parish Envelope Box 2021

I appreciate this has been a difficult year and for many financially it has been very challenging. Thanks for your financial support to the parish and to me in 2020. You will be able to collect your box of parish envelopes for 2021 after Mass or by calling me at [087 7009433](tel:0877009433) and arranging a time to meet. Can I ask you to consider volunteering to bring boxes to other parishioners?

"Year of St Joseph,"

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* (With a Father's Heart), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021. The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

KEEP SAFE & LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER

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