

RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen

Fourth Sun of Advent

Sun Dec 20th, 10am Morning Mass

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RATHOWEN/STREETE

WEEKDAY MASS

Tues Dec 22nd

Boherquill 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Wed Dec 23rd

Rathowen 9.30am, Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Thurs Dec 24th

Rathowen 9.30am, Confessions after Mass

Extra ordinary minister for Dec – Peter Maguire

Reader for Dec – John Cox

Counters for Dec – Teresa Cox & Maeve Tighe

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Dec 20th, at 10am

No intention

CONFESSIONS for CHRISTMAS

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Christmas Mass - 2020

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Christmas Eve, Thurs Dec 24th

Rathowen 6pm & Boherquill 8pm

Christmas morning, Fri Dec 25th

Rathowen 10am & Boherquill 11.30am

Parish Envelope Box 2021

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MEDITATION: LUKE 1:26-38

The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. (Luke 1:32)

It's almost Christmas! That thought can fill our hearts with anticipation. We might look forward to seeing friends or family. We can't wait to see the look on a loved one's face when they open the gift we carefully chose. Or we just want to enjoy celebrating Jesus' birth with our brothers and sisters in Christ. But think about the anticipation that the Jews felt as they awaited the coming of the Messiah! Their hope was kindled almost one thousand years before Christ, when God promised David a kingly lineage.

www.rathowenparish.ie

STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill

Fourth Sun of Advent

Sat Dec 19th, 8pm Vigil Mass

www.streeteparish.ie

Extra ordinary minister for Dec 24th – Mary Mulligan

Reader for Dec 24th – Alice Nerny, Dec 26th – Orla O'Hara

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Dec 19th

Michael Noonan, Noonan & McCormack DFM

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MEDITATION: LUKE 1:26-38 (CONTINUED)

Imagine as well Mary's surprise when the angel described the son she would bear by using nearly the same words that God had spoken to David so much earlier. He would be called Son of the Most High, he would sit on the throne of his father, David, and he would reign over an eternal kingdom (Luke 1:26-38). Israel's long wait was over—the birth of Jesus would bring about everything they had hoped for.

"Jesus, you are the fulfilment of all my longings! I love you, Lord!"

KEEP SAFE & LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER

Fr Nigel Charles **087 7009433/043 6685847**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

132 "Therefore, the study of the sacred page should be the very soul of sacred theology. the ministry of the Word, too - pastoral preaching, catechetics and all forms of Christian instruction, among which the liturgical homily should hold pride of place - is healthily nourished and thrives in holiness through the Word of Scripture."¹¹¹