

RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen
Second Sun of Christmas
Sun Jan 3rd, 10am Morning Mass
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RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY ADORATION

Tues, Jan 5th

Boherquill – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Wed, Jan 6th

Rathowen – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Thurs, Jan 7th

Rathowen – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Fri, Jan 8th

Boherquill – Adoration 7 – 8pm

Extra ordinary minister for Jan –

Reader for Jan –

Counters for Jan –

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Jan 3rd, at 10am

No intention

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?

(Meditation: Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendour! (Isaiah 60:1)

Today we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, Gentiles from the East who came seeking the King of the Jews. Their arrival in Bethlehem is the fulfillment of today's first reading, in which the glory of God draws people of every nation to Jerusalem. But look closely, and you'll find something surprising: "Your light has come," the reading says, and "the glory of the Lord shines upon you" (Isaiah 60:1, emphasis added). It's Jerusalem itself, symbol of God's chosen people, that is attracting the Gentiles, not a sudden blaze of glory coming from the heavens. It's the shining witness of a people who have bound themselves to the Lord and to each other. That's where the nations will find the glory of God. Imagine that! We ourselves—the people of God working and praying together, loving, and forgiving one another—we can be the manifestation of God's glory to the world. If you light one candle on a darkened, moonless night, you may be able to see it from a few feet away. But if you bring hundreds of people together and give each of them a lighted candle, you might see their brightness from a mile away. Bring enough people together, and you'd see the light from outer space! That's God's vision for us. He wants us to put aside selfish, sinful, or prideful attitudes so that we can love each other and serve each other—and so be his light. (The Word Among Us)

www.rathowenparish.ie

STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill
Second Sun of Christmas
Sat Jan 2nd, Vigil Mass
www.streeteparish.ie

Extra ordinary minister for Jan 2nd –

Reader for Jan 2nd –

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Jan 2nd

Vincent & Peggy Daly, daughter Adrienne

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Meditation: Isaiah 60:1-6 (continued)

He wants us to follow him, not just because it's good for us, but because he knows that a life of discipleship brings us closer together and makes us shine out to the world even more brightly. So join the Magi and bow before the infant Christ today. But as you do, pray for the Church. Pray for your parish. Pray for the domestic church that is your family. Ask the Holy Spirit to keep purifying you, and all of God's people, so that together we can shine more brightly and draw more people to him.

"Jesus, teach us to love each other so that we can fill the world with your glory!"

PRAYER

Visit, O Blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen.

POPE FRANCIS

On the threshold of this beginning, I extend to everyone my heart-felt greetings for a happy and serene 2021. May each one of us make sure that it be for everyone a year of fraternal solidarity and peace, a year filled with expectant trust and hope, which we entrust to the heavenly protection of Mary, Mother of God and our Mother.

KEEP SAFE & LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER

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