

## RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen

Third Sun of Lent

Sun March 7<sup>th</sup>, 10am Morning Mass

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### RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY ADORATION

**Tues, Mar 9<sup>th</sup>**

Boherquill – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

**Wed, Mar 10<sup>th</sup>**

Rathowen – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

**Thurs, Mar 11<sup>th</sup>**

Rathowen – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

**Fri, Mar 12<sup>th</sup>**

Boherquill – Adoration 7 – 8pm

Extra ordinary minister for Mar –

Reader for Mar –

Counters for Mar –

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Mar 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10am

Kitty Keane

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

Pope Francis focuses on the three theological virtues in his Lenten message for 2021, inviting the faithful to “renew our faith, draw from the living waters of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God.”

2. *Hope as “living water” enabling us to continue our journey.*

*The Samaritan woman at the well, whom Jesus asks for a drink, does not understand what he means when he says that he can offer her “living water” (Jn 4:10). Naturally, she thinks that he is referring to material water, but Jesus is speaking of the Holy Spirit whom he will give in abundance through the paschal mystery, bestowing a hope that does not disappoint. Jesus had already spoken of this hope when, in telling of his passion and death, he said that he would “be raised on the third day” (Mt 20:19). Jesus was speaking of the future opened up by the Father’s mercy. Hoping with him and because of him means believing that history does not end with our mistakes, our violence and injustice, or the sin that crucifies Love. It means receiving from his open heart the Father’s forgiveness. In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated (cf. *Laudato Si’*, 32-33; 43-44).*

[www.rathowenparish.ie](http://www.rathowenparish.ie)

## STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill

Third Sun of Lent

Sat March 6<sup>th</sup>, Vigil Mass

[www.streeteparish.ie](http://www.streeteparish.ie)

Extra ordinary minister for –

Reader for –

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Mar 6<sup>th</sup>

No intention

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Saint Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: “Be reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20). By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. Having received forgiveness ourselves, we can offer it through our willingness to enter into attentive dialogue with others and to give comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain. God’s forgiveness, offered also through our words and actions, enables us to experience an Easter of fraternity. In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with “speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 223). In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be “willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference” (*ibid.*, 224). *Through recollection and silent prayer*, hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we face in our mission. Hence the need to pray (cf. Mt 6:6) and, in secret, to encounter the Father of tender love. *To experience Lent in hope* entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is “making all things new” (cf. Rev 21:1-6). It means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being “prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls [us] to account for the hope that is in [us]” (1 Pet 3:15).

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KEEP SAFE & LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER**

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## The Catechism of the Catholic Church

### The necessity of faith

161 Believing in Jesus Christ and in the One who sent him for our salvation is necessary for obtaining that salvation.<sup>42</sup> “Since “without faith it is impossible to please (God) ” and to attain to the fellowship of his sons, therefore without faith no one has ever attained justification, nor will anyone obtain eternal life ‘But he who endures to the end.’”]