

RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen

Fifth Sun of Lent

Sun March 21st, 10am Morning Mass

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RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY ADORATION

Tues, Mar 23rd

Boherquill – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Wed, Mar 24th

Rathowen – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Thurs, Mar 25th

Rathowen – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Fri, Mar 26th

Boherquill – Adoration 7 – 8pm

Extra ordinary minister for Mar –

Reader for Mar –

Counters for Mar –

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Mar 21st, at 10am

Patrick Kelly

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

Confessions for Easter – call Fr Nigel at 087 7009433

MEDITATION: JOHN 12:20-33

I am troubled. (John 12:27)

Jesus was *troubled*? That's putting it mildly. The Greek word John used here means to be greatly distressed or in fear and dread. It's the same word used to describe the disciples' reaction to a deadly storm at sea (Matthew 14:26). It's the same kind of distress that King David felt as he wept over his slain son, Absalom (2 Samuel 19:1), and that Lot felt as he fled the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:16). So what troubled Jesus so much? The realization that his "hour" had come (John 12:23). After spending so much time preaching and teaching, healing people and driving out demons, Jesus had now arrived at the time for his passion. He knew that agonizing torture and a slow, lingering death awaited him, and the thought of it filled him with dread. Yet Jesus also knew that, as terrible as it would be, the cross was necessary if he was going to save us from sin. It wouldn't be easy, it wouldn't be pretty, but it was necessary. So rather than shrinking back, he placed himself in God's hands and trusted that his Father would see him through it. He loved us too much to walk away. We all face times when we feel troubled. It could be because we are witnessing a loved one suffering, or it could be as we face our own suffering.

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STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill

Fifth Sun of Lent

Sat March 20th, Vigil Mass

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Extra ordinary minister for –

Reader for –

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Mar 20th

No intention

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MEDITATION: JOHN 12:20-33 (CONTINUED)

It's painful, it's challenging, but it's unavoidable. If that describes you today, know that you are not alone. Jesus has his arm around you and is holding you close. He knows what it's like to feel so distressed that you want to run away. And because he knows, he can comfort you and help you. Jesus endured the cross because he knew that his death would reveal the depths of God's love for us—and for you. Let that love surround you and sustain you today. (The Word Among Us)

Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our catechesis on Christian prayer, we have seen that through prayer we share in the life of the blessed Trinity, thanks to Christ's gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit in fact teaches us to pray, making Christ present and active in our lives and in our world. In the Spirit we are enabled to call God our Father, to live our vocation to holiness, and to carry out our baptismal mission as witnesses of Christ's redemptive and merciful love. Through prayer and works of charity we open our lives to the Spirit's gifts, following in the footsteps of countless saints who have gone before us. The Catechism tells us that there are as many paths of prayer as there are persons who pray, but it is the same Spirit acting in all and with all. In the communion of the Holy Spirit Christian prayer is prayer in the Church (cf. No. 2672)

Trocaire – support the work of Trocaire this Lent

KEEP SAFE & LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER

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The Catechism of the Catholic Church

Faith - the beginning of eternal life

164 Now, however, "we walk by faith, not by sight";⁴⁹ we perceive God as "in a mirror, dimly" and only "in part".⁵⁰ Even though enlightened by him in whom it believes, faith is often lived in darkness and can be put to the test. The world we live in often seems very far from the one promised us by faith. Our experiences of evil and suffering, injustice and death, seem to contradict the Good News; they can shake our faith and become a temptation against it.