

RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen

EASTER SUNDAY

Sun April 4th, 10am Morning Mass

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RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY ADORATION

Fri April 9th

Boherquill – Adoration 7 – 8pm

Extra ordinary minister for April –

Reader for April –

Counters for April –

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun April 4th, at 10am

Lilly MaGuire

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

Pope Francis

In the darkness of Holy Saturday, joy and light will break through with the rites of the Easter Vigil and, in the late evening, the festive hymn of the Hallelujah. It will be the encounter in faith with the Risen Christ, and the joy of Easter will continue for all throughout the following 50 days, until the coming of the Holy Spirit. He who was crucified is risen! All questions and uncertainties, hesitations and fears are dispelled by this revelation. The Risen One gives us the certainty that good always triumphs over evil, that life always conquers death, and that it is not our end to descend lower and lower, from sorrow to sorrow, but rather to rise up high. The Risen One is the confirmation that Jesus is right in everything: in promising us life beyond death and forgiveness beyond sins. The disciples doubted, they did not believe. The first to believe and to see was Mary Magdalene; she was the apostle of the resurrection who went to announce that she had seen Jesus, who had called her by name. And then, all the disciples saw him. But, I would like to linger on this point: the guards, the soldiers, who were at the sepulchre to prevent the disciples from coming and taking his body, saw him; they saw him alive and risen. His enemies saw him, and then they pretended not to have seen him. Why? Because they were paid. Here is the true mystery of what Jesus once said: "There are two masters in the world, two, no more: two. God and money. He who serves money is against God". And here it was money that changed reality. They had seen the wonder of the resurrection, but they were paid to keep quiet. Let us think of the many times that Christian men and women were paid not to acknowledge in practice the resurrection of Christ, and they did not do what Christ asked us to do, as Christians

STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill

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Sat April 3rd, Easter Vigil

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MASS INTENTIONS

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No intention

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MEDITATION: ACTS 10:34, 37-43

This man God raised on the third day. (Acts 10:40)

Alleluia! Christ is risen! What joy we feel when we hear those words on Easter! We have made it through the forty days of Lent. We have walked with Jesus on his journey to the cross in Holy Week. Now we can proclaim the good news of his resurrection and celebrate with all the angels and saints. But Easter doesn't end today. As a Church, we celebrate Easter as an octave, for a full eight days. We celebrate it as a liturgical season, lasting fifty days, until Pentecost. And we celebrate it every Sunday throughout the year. The truth is, Easter never ends! What Jesus accomplished through his death and resurrection can never be undone. What our Father created as "very good" (Genesis 1:31), what was corrupted and lost, has now been redeemed. So look beyond this joyous day to the season ahead. Spend time over these next fifty days reflecting on the Mass readings to see how the apostles responded to this good news. For them, the resurrection changed everything and turned their whole world upside down! Jesus had risen—they had seen him with their own eyes. Where once they were afraid, now nothing was more important to them than sharing the good news, whatever the cost. Jesus' resurrection has changed everything for you too. You are loved. You are redeemed. And "when Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory" (Colossians 3:4). How will you respond to this amazing news? Don't let Easter come and go. Live in this truth every single day. Let it seep into every fibre of your being. Baptized into Christ's resurrection, you are a new creation. Christ lives in you and you live in Christ, both now and forever. Alleluia! (The Word Among Us)

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The Catechism of the Catholic Church

"Lord, Look Upon the Faith of Your Church"

168 It is the Church that believes first, and so bears, nourishes and sustains my faith. Everywhere, it is the Church that first confesses the Lord: "Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you", as we sing in the hymn Te Deum; with her and in her, we are won over and brought to confess: "I believe", "We believe". It is through the Church that we receive faith and new life in Christ by Baptism. In the *Rituale Romanum*, the minister of Baptism asks the catechumen: "What do you ask of God's Church?" and the answer is: "Faith." "What does faith offer you?" "Eternal life."⁵⁴