

RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen

Third Sunday of Easter

Sun April 18th, 10am Morning Mass

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RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY ADORATION

Tues April 20th

Boherquill – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Wed April 21st

Rathowen – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Thurs April 22nd

Rathowen – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Fri April 23rd

Boherquill – Adoration 7 – 8pm

Extra ordinary minister for April –

Reader for April –

Counters for April –

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun April 11th, at 10am

Harry & Lena Farrell, DFM

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

Pope Francis (Vocation Sun, April 25th)

Saint Joseph suggests to us three key words for each individual's vocation. The first is dream. Everyone dreams of finding fulfilment in life. We rightly nurture great hopes, lofty aspirations that ephemeral goals – like success, money and entertainment – cannot satisfy. If we were to ask people to express in one word their life's dream, it would not be difficult to imagine the answer: "to be loved". It is love that gives meaning to life, because it reveals life's mystery. Indeed, we only have life if we give it; we truly possess it only if we generously give it away. Saint Joseph has much to tell us in this regard, because, through the dreams that God inspired in him, he made of his life a gift. The Gospels tell us of four dreams (cf. Mt 1:20; 2:13,19,22). They were calls from God, but they were not easy to accept. After each dream, Joseph had to change his plans and take a risk, sacrificing his own plans in order to follow the mysterious designs of God, whom he trusted completely. We may ask ourselves, "Why put so much trust in a dream in the night?" Although a dream was considered very important in ancient times, it was still a small thing in the face of the concrete reality of life. Yet Saint Joseph let himself be guided by his dreams without hesitation. Why? Because his heart was directed to God; it was already inclined towards him. A small indication was enough for his watchful "inner ear" to recognize God's voice.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

Only One Faith

172 Through the centuries, in so many languages, cultures, peoples and nations, the Church has constantly confessed this one faith, received from the one Lord, transmitted by one Baptism, and grounded in the conviction that all people have only one God and Father.⁵⁸ St. Irenaeus of Lyons, a witness of this faith, declared:

173 "Indeed, the Church, though scattered throughout the whole world, even to the ends of the earth, having received the faith from the apostles and their disciples. . . guards [this preaching and faith] with care, as dwelling in but a single house, and similarly believes as if having but one soul and a single heart, and preaches, teaches and hands on this faith with a unanimous voice, as if possessing only one mouth."⁵⁹

STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill

Third Sunday of Easter

Sat April 17th, Easter Vigil

www.streeteparish.ie

Extra ordinary minister for –

Reader for –

MASS INTENTIONS

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No intention

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Pope Francis (Vocation Sun, April 25th) continued

This applies also to our calling: God does not like to reveal himself in a spectacular way, pressuring our freedom. He conveys his plans to us with gentleness. He does not overwhelm us with dazzling visions but quietly speaks in the depths of our heart, drawing near to us and speaking to us through our thoughts and feelings. In this way, as he did with Saint Joseph, he sets before us profound and unexpected horizons. Indeed, Joseph's dreams led him into experiences he would never have imagined. The first of these upended his betrothal, but made him the father of the Messiah; the second caused him to flee to Egypt, but saved the life of his family. After the third, which foretold his return to his native land, a fourth dream made him change plans once again, bringing him to Nazareth, the place where Jesus would begin his preaching of the Kingdom of God. Amid all these upheavals, he found the courage to follow God's will. So too in a vocation: God's call always urges us to take a first step, to give ourselves, to press forward. There can be no faith without risk. Only by abandoning ourselves confidently to grace, setting aside our own programmes and comforts, can we truly say "yes" to God. And every "yes" bears fruit because it becomes part of a larger design, of which we glimpse only details, but which the divine Artist knows and carries out, making of every life a masterpiece. In this regard, Saint Joseph is an outstanding example of acceptance of God's plans. Yet his was an active acceptance: never reluctant or resigned. Joseph was "certainly not passively resigned, but courageously and firmly proactive" (Patris Corde, 4). May he help everyone, especially young people who are discerning, to make God's dreams for them come true.

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