

RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sun April 25th, 10am Morning Mass

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RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY ADORATION

Tues April 27th

Boherquill – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Wed April 28th

Rathowen – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Thurs April 29th

Rathowen – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Fri April 30th

Boherquill – Adoration 7 – 8pm

Extra ordinary minister for April –

Reader for April –

Counters for April –

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun April 25th, at 10am

No intention

We pray for Lily Duck, Joanstown, Rathowen and Fintan Joseph O'Brien (father of Geraldine Tighe) whose funerals took place during the week

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

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2021 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS 25 April 2021

A second word marks the journey of Saint Joseph and that of vocation: *service*. The Gospels show how Joseph lived entirely for others and never for himself. The holy people of God invoke him as the *most chaste spouse*, based on his ability to love unreservedly. By freeing love from all possessiveness, he became open to an even more fruitful service. His loving care has spanned generations; his attentive guardianship has made him patron of the Church. As one who knew how to embody the meaning of self-giving in life, Joseph is also the patron of a happy death. His service and sacrifices were only possible, however, because they were sustained by a greater love: "Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice. The priesthood and consecrated life likewise require this kind of maturity. Whatever our vocation, whether to marriage, celibacy or virginity, our gift of self will not come to fulfilment if it stops at sacrifice; were that the case, instead of becoming a sign of the beauty and joy of love, the gift of self would risk being an expression of unhappiness, sadness and frustration"

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE CREEDS

186 From the beginning, the apostolic Church expressed and handed on her faith in brief formulae normative for all.¹ But already very early on, the Church also wanted to gather the essential elements of her faith into organic and articulated summaries, intended especially for candidates for Baptism:

This synthesis of faith was not made to accord with human opinions, but rather what was of the greatest importance was gathered from all the Scriptures, to present the one teaching of the faith in its entirety, and just as the mustard seed contains a great number of branches in a tiny grain, so too this summary of faith encompassed in a few words the whole knowledge of the true religion contained in the Old and the New Testaments²

STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sat April 24th, Easter Vigil

www.streeteparish.ie

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Reader for –

MASS INTENTIONS

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Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization announced the news with a press release on Wednesday afternoon. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).

Prayer initiative

"The initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic," read the statement. Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on 1 May with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms. Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6 PM Rome time from the various Shrines taking part in the initiative. The Pope will also close the initiative on 31 May with another specially-broadcast Rosary

End to the pandemic

This year's dedication of May to pandemic-related prayer recalls a similar occurrence during the first wave in March 2020. Pope Francis led the world in prayer during that confusing and difficult time, celebrating a live-streamed, daily Mass in the Casa Santa Marta. After more than a year, and with the world still in the grips of the pandemic, the Pope and the Church around the world are once again leading the way in imploring God for an end to the suffering which so many people are forced to bear.

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