

RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen
Fifteenth Sun in Ordinary Time
Sun July 11th, 10am Morning Mass
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RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues July 13th

Boherquill, 9.30am – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Wed July 14th

Rathowen, 7pm

Thurs July 15th

Rathowen, 9.30am – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Fri July 16th

Boherquill, 8pm – Adoration 7 – 8pm

Counters for July: Maeve Tighe & Teresa Cox

Reader for July – Margaret Beirne

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun July 11th, at 10am

Michael & James Glennon

Sun July 18th at 10am

Kit & Josie Price

Offertory Collection for last weekend was €195. Thanks for your kindness and support

A warm welcome for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Bishop Denis Nulty, chair of the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family has welcomed Pope Francis' World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, as a timely reminder for the whole Church to be close to all the elderly and grandparents at this time of pandemic. Bishop Nulty said, "There have been so many unsung heroes and heroines during the pandemic – grandparents and elders, including our older priests and religious – all who are to be applauded for how they have coped with the challenges and uncertainty brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. As a society we have learned a lot from their stoicism and pragmatism in the face of so many challenges. "Throughout his papacy Pope Francis has reminded us to value the many gifts of grandparents and the elderly. In his theme chosen for this inaugural year *I am with you always*, the Holy Father is highlighting that promise of closeness that generations share with each other. Not only are our young people called to be present in the lives of older people, but so too grandparents and elders have a mission to encourage young people on their faith journey. Our little domestic churches are always enriched by the inclusion of grandparents and elders" "In the text of his inaugural message Pope Francis expands on this theme and assures us that he has been close to all those who have felt isolated and alone in recent months and that, even at the darkest of moments, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us that 'He is with us always'.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

293 Scripture and Tradition never cease to teach and celebrate this fundamental truth: "The world was made for the glory of God."¹³⁴ St. Bonaventure explains that God created all things "not to increase his glory, but to show it forth and to communicate it",¹³⁵ for God has no other reason for creating than his love and goodness: "Creatures came into existence when the key of love opened his hand."¹³⁶ The First Vatican Council explains:

This one, true God, of his own goodness and "almighty power", not for increasing his own beatitude, nor for attaining his perfection, but in order to manifest this perfection through the benefits which he bestows on creatures, with absolute freedom of counsel "and from the beginning of time, made out of nothing both orders of creatures, the spiritual and the corporeal. . ."¹³⁷

STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill
Fifteenth Sun in Ordinary Time
Sat July 10th, 8pm Vigil Mass
www.streeteparish.ie

Extra ordinary minister for –

Reader for July 17th – Alice Nerney

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat July 10th, at 8pm

Paddy Reilly

Sat July 17th at 8pm

No intention

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In response to Pope Francis call to pray for the end to the pandemic, the rosary will be prayed:

At the Grotto in Rathowen at 7pm every Tues

At the Grotto in Boherquill at 7pm every Thurs

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Gospel Reflection

Fast-forward to today's Gospel reading, where Jesus sends out the Twelve to preach and to heal. They certainly weren't in it for the money or to win Herod's approval. God had called them, and that was enough. So when they returned to Jesus after their journeys, they were excited, not because they had made any money, but because they had seen the power of Jesus' word. By virtue of your baptism, you too are called by God to be a prophet. That simply means that you are called to spread your faith to the best of your ability (*Lumen Gentium*, 17). You do this by sharing what God has done in your life, by caring for the needy, and by following Church teachings even when it's inconvenient or difficult. It won't make you rich. It might not make you popular. But there's nothing like seeing God work through something you say or do. God is still speaking to his people. And he's calling you to help them hear his voice. (The Word Among Us)

KEEP SAFE & LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER

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