

RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen
Sixteenth Sun in Ordinary Time
Sun July 18th, 10am Morning Mass
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RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues July 20th

Boherquill, 9.30am – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Wed July 21st

Rathowen, 7pm

Thurs July 22nd

Rathowen, 9.30am – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Fri July 23rd

Boherquill, 8pm – Adoration 7 – 8pm

Counters for July: Maeve Tighe & Teresa Cox

Reader for July – Margaret Beirne

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun July 18th at 10am

Kit & Josie Price

Sun July 25th at 10am

No intention

Offertory Collection for last weekend was €277. Thanks for your kindness and support

MEDITATION: MARK 6:30-34

They were like sheep without a shepherd. (Mark 6:34)

In today's first reading, Jeremiah has harsh words for Judah's kings. They were supposed to act as shepherds of their people, but instead, he charges, "You have not cared for them" (Jeremiah 23:2). When the true and righteous Shepherd, Jesus, did appear, he did not come as an earthly king (Jeremiah 23:4-6). He did not wear royal garments or sit on an earthly throne. He was a shepherd who knew his sheep, who lived among his people and cared for them. We can see Jesus acting as the Good Shepherd in today's Gospel reading. When the disciples returned from their mission to the nearby towns and villages, Jesus knew just what they needed: some quiet time and a place to recharge. So he urged them to "come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest for a while" (Mark 6:31). Yet as soon as they stepped off the boat, a vast crowd greeted them. Instead of making a quick getaway with his disciples, however, this Good Shepherd "was moved with pity for them" (Mark 6:34). He knew what they needed: a ray of hope. His life-giving words would feed their hungry hearts, and so he taught them. But he also knew that their hungry stomachs would need to be filled. So he multiplied the five loaves and two fish, giving them enough food so that all "were satisfied" (6:42).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

299 Because God creates through wisdom, his creation is ordered: "You have arranged all things by measure and number and weight."¹⁵¹ The universe, created in and by the eternal Word, the "image of the invisible God", is destined for and addressed to man, himself created in the "image of God" and called to a personal relationship with God.¹⁵² Our human understanding, which shares in the light of the divine intellect, can understand what God tells us by means of his creation, though not without great effort and only in a spirit of humility and respect before the Creator and his work.¹⁵³ Because creation comes forth from God's goodness, it shares in that goodness - "and God saw that it was good. . . very good"¹⁵⁴ - for God willed creation as a gift addressed to man, an inheritance destined for and entrusted to him. On many occasions the Church has had to defend the goodness of creation, including that of the physical world.¹⁵⁵

STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill
Sixteenth Sun in Ordinary Time
Sat July 17th, 8pm Vigil Mass
www.streeteparish.ie

Extra ordinary minister for –

Reader for July 24th – Orla O'Hara

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat July 17th at 8pm

No intention

Fri July 23rd at 8pm

Julia & Jack Kelly

Sat July 24th at 8pm

Lilly & Jack Carty

Offertory Collection for last weekend was €270. Thanks for your kindness and support

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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MEDITATION: MARK 6:30-34 (CONTINUED)

This is what the true Shepherd does: he knows and cares for each one of us. Because he understands what it's like to be human, he provides for all our needs, both physical and spiritual. Look over the past week or month. How has Jesus cared for you? Think of concrete examples of ways—even minor ones—that he has provided for you, even amid your challenges and trials. Let all these memories inspire you to trust in the Good Shepherd who never, ever abandons his flock. (The Word Among Us)

"Jesus, thank you for being the Good Shepherd who cares for my every need."

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me. *Rev 3:20*

KEEP SAFE & LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER

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