

RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen
Eighteenth Sun in Ordinary Time
Sun Aug 1st, 10am Morning Mass
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RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues Aug 3rd

Boherquill, 9.30am – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Wed Aug 4th

Rathowen, 7pm

Thurs Aug 5th

Rathowen, 9.30am – Adoration 10 – 10.30am

Fri Aug 6th

Boherquill, 8pm – Adoration 7 – 8pm

Sat Aug 7th

Rathowen 11am, Confessions after Mass

Counters for Aug:

Reader for Aug – Silvia Farrell

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun July 25th at 10am

No intention

Sun Aug 1st at 10am

No intention

We pray for Brian O'Connor, Winetown whose funeral took place during the week

Offertory Collection for last weekend was €219. Thanks for your kindness and support

Diocesan changes

On Sept 1st I will taking up an appointment in the parishes of Mohill & Fenagh, Co Leitrim. Fr Pierre Pepper will be replacing me – Sat Aug 28th & Sun Aug 29th will be my final weekend in our parishes. I have asked Rathowen & Streete pastoral councils to organise tea after Mass on that Sat evening at my house in Boherquill. I hope I will be able to meet people from both Rathowen & Streete on that evening.

Rathowen Community Development

As part of our on-going feasibility study research and consultations, Rethinking Rural Ireland (RRI) are pleased to invite you to the first of our community focus groups at Rathowen Community Centre. RRI are hoping to bring a mixture of key stakeholders from the area (Ballinalack, Rathowen and Streete) together to discuss about the proposed bogwalk on Wednesday 04 August. It will be a community based meeting of some two hours (6-8pm). The proposed agenda is as follows: - Introduction of RRI Team and our objectives - Update from RRI team (planning and environment issues) - Focus Group discussions on walkway (in groups to gather ideas) - Summary and conclusions To register please follow the event rite link attached below & please be aware that Covid19 guidelines will apply and registration is capped at 50

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/corrydonnlan-bogwalk-stakeholder-meeting-tickets-164839259663>

STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill
Eighteenth Sun in Ordinary Time
Sat July 31st, 8pm Vigil Mass
www.streeteparish.ie

Extra ordinary minister for –

Reader for Aug 7th – Ber Fagan

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat July 31st at 8pm

Tommie & Cathy Meehan DFM

Sat Aug 7th at 8pm

Maureen Flood

Offertory Collection for last weekend was €415. 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

I will visit the sick and housebound in both parishes during the week

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MEDITATION: EXODUS 16:2-4, 12-15

Would that we had died at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, as we... ate our fill of bread! (Exodus 16:3)

As the old saying goes, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." It's better to have a sure thing than to hope for something better that's not guaranteed. That seems to capture the Israelites' complaint to Moses. They would rather be enslaved in Egypt and have enough to eat than trust God to lead them to the Promised Land. After all, they are hungry! It might seem short-sighted. God had just freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. He parted the Red Sea for them to pass through and provided water in the desert. Why didn't they trust him to take care of them? Why were their sights set so low, on such immediate needs? The short answer is, it's human nature. The needs that loom before us can make us forget God's faithfulness. It's like the crowd following Jesus in today's Gospel: they searched for him, not because they had seen healings and miracles, but because he had filled their bellies (John 6:26). Even when Jesus told them that he was the "bread of God," the One who came down from heaven to give life to the world, they still seemed preoccupied with physical food (6:33). (The Word Among Us)

KEEP SAFE & LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER

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The Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE VISIBLE WORLD

337 God himself created the visible world in all its richness, diversity and order. Scripture presents the work of the Creator symbolically as a succession of six days of divine "work", concluded by the "rest" of the seventh day.²⁰⁴ On the subject of creation, the sacred text teaches the truths revealed by God for our salvation,²⁰⁵ permitting us to "recognize the inner nature, the value and the ordering of the whole of creation to the praise of God."²⁰⁶