

RATHOWEN

St. Mary's Church, Rathowen

Twenty Fifth Sunday

Sunday, 19th Sept – 10 am Mass

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STREETE

St. Mary's Church, Boherquill

Twenty Fifth Sunday

Saturday, 18th Sept – 8pm Mass

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RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Sept 21st Sept
Boherquill – 9.30 am

Wednesday, Sept 22nd
Rathowen – 9.30am

Thursday, Sept 23rd
Rathowen – 9.30am. Adoration 10-10.30am

Friday, Sept 24th
Boherquill – 8pm. Adoration 7 – 8pm.

Mass Intentions –
Sunday, 19th September
Bernard & Patrick O'Connor

Quote from the Saints
*“The disbelief of Thomas has done more
For our faith than the faith of the other disciples,
As he touches Christ and is won over to belief.
Doubt is cast aside and our faith is strengthened.
(Pope St. Gregeory the Great)*

Rosary at the Grotto
The Holy Rosary will be recited each Tuesday at 7pm in
Rathowen church grotto and at 7pm each Thursday at the
church grotto in Boherquill.
All are welcome.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging. Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all. Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

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Mary O'Sullivan

First Communion
We congratulate the boys & girls who have received their
First Holy Communion this weekend. We pray that they
will continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God
in the company of their family and church community.

Offertory Collection
€271 (Streete)
€136 (Rathowen)