

RATHOWEN

St Mary's Church, Rathowen
22nd Sun in Ordinary Time
Sun Aug 29th, 10am Morning Mass
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RATHOWEN/STREETE WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues Aug 31st
Boherquill, 9.30am – Adoration 10 – 10.30am
Wed Aug Sept 1st
Rathowen, 9.30am
Thurs Sept 2nd
Rathowen, 9.30am – Adoration 10 – 10.30am
Fri Sept 3rd
Boherquill, 8pm – Adoration 7 – 8pm

Counters for Sept: Michael O'Hara & Jerimiah Nally
Reader for Sept – Peter Newman

MASS INTENTIONS
Sun Aug 29th at 10am
Mary Murphy

Sun Aug 5th at 10am
No intention

Offertory Collection for last weekend was €173. Thanks for your kindness and support

Diocesan changes

We welcome Fr Pierre Pepper who will arrive in the parish this Wed, Sept 1st. I want to thank everyone for your kindness, support and prayers during my time with you, we will continue to pray for each other. God Bless. Fr Nigel

MEDITATION: MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition. (Mark 7:8)

Given their strict attention to hand washing, these Pharisees and scribes would probably feel right at home in our pandemic-conscious world! Of course, they were concerned about religious purity, not personal hygiene, but we can all relate to how meticulous they were. Still, Jesus rightly called their purity practices what they were: "human tradition" (Mark 7:8). Nowhere in Scripture does God command his people to be so rigorous in cleansing themselves or their household items. Instead, what began as a precaution among priests gradually morphed into a litmus test for every Israelite. If you didn't wash your hands just so, you were impure. It meant your faith was defective—or worse, *you* were defective. Litmus tests can make things clear and simple, but the Pharisees were using them in the wrong way. To determine what was pure and impure, they needed to focus on what was lurking in their own hearts, not what was contaminating them from the outside.

STREETE

St Mary's Church, Boherquill
22nd Sun in Ordinary Time
Sat Aug 28th, 8pm Vigil Mass
www.streeteparish.ie

Extra ordinary minister for –

Reader for Sept 4th – Orla O'Hara

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Aug 28th at 8pm

No intention

Sat Sept 4th at 8pm

James & Ellen Campbell & DFM

Offertory Collection for last weekend was €450. 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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As Jesus warned them, it is "the things that come out from within"—our own sinful inclinations—that defile us (Mark 7:15). Our rules for hand washing today are aimed toward preventing disease, but we can easily fall into the same habit as these Pharisees did. We can focus more on what's on the "outside"—the culture or the actions of other people—rather than facing the sinful desires in our hearts. After all, it's painful to see just how capable we are of falling into sin. It's easier just to apply a litmus test to the sins of the people around us. Jesus came to save us from sin, and we can count on him to give us the grace to deal with whatever is "within" us. Today, ask the Lord to search your heart. Ask him to help you see ways in which you are susceptible to sin—and ask him to keep cleansing you. (The Word Among Us)

"Jesus, purify my heart today!"

KEEP SAFE & LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER
Fr Nigel Charles 087 7009433/043 6685847

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

"MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM"

Equality and difference willed by God

369 Man and woman have been created, which is to say, willed by God: on the one hand, in perfect equality as human persons; on the other, in their respective beings as man and woman. "Being man" or "being woman" is a reality which is good and willed by God: man and woman possess an inalienable dignity which comes to them immediately from God their Creator.²⁴⁰ Man and woman are both with one and the same dignity "in the image of God". In their "being-man" and "being-woman", they reflect the Creator's wisdom and