

# 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SUNDAY, - 10 AM MASS

SATURDAY, - 8PM MASS

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## RATHOWEN WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday  
No Mass

Wednesday  
Rathowen - 9.30am

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Friday  
Boherquill - 8pm. Adoration 7 - 8pm.



## STREETE WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday  
No Mass

Wednesday  
Rathowen - 9.30am

Thursday  
Rathowen - 9.30am.

Friday  
Boherquill - 8pm. Adoration 7 - 8pm.

### Mass Intentions

Sun 24th Dec 10am: No intention  
Christmas Day 10am: No intention  
Sun 31st Dec 10am: Rose Gilchrist 1st Anniv, Jack  
Husband Jack daughter Rosemary.

### Mass Intentions

Sat 23th Dec 8pm: Brian Nerney M/M  
Christmas Eve 6pm. No intention  
Sat 30th Dec 8pm: No intention

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

*We are almost there, the wonderful Christmas season full of all that is good in humanity, joy, generosity, laughter and hope, in the midst of such humanity we have to search for the Christ child, just as the Shepherds and wise men did. 2000 years ago the world didn't know what had happened in Bethlehem; how could they. so it is today the Word of God is among us, hidden by our own lack of awareness. May we follow the star of faith to the all powerful God revealed in weakness and vulnerability.*

**"On this night of reconciliation, let none be angry or gloomy. In this night that stills everything, let nothing threaten or disturb. This night belongs to the sweet one; let nothing bitter or harsh be in it. In this night that belongs to the meek ones, let there be nothing high or naughty. On this day of pardoning, let us not extract punishment for trespass. On this day of gladness, let us not spread sadness.... in this day when God came to sinners, let not the righteous person be in their own mind above the sinner." ( St Ephraem)**

### TERMS YOU WILL HEAR THIS CHRISTMAS.

**Messiah:** The promised deliver spoken of in the Old Testament, by all the Prophets and holy men of God.

**Prince of peace:** Jesus is called the prince of peace because He is the only who can bring true peace, as well as restoration and reconciliation between God & Man.

**Emmanuel:** Means God is with us, Jesus is God made flesh, so God is with us in a way unexpected and joyous.

**Wonderful Counsellor:** Jesus counsel defies the expectations of human wisdom and exceeds our human understanding and wisdom, Jesus frees us from fear.

### CATHOLIC HUMOUR

*In the school Nativity play little Jimmy had only one line to remember. He was to stand and say " I am the light of the world". However on the night of the production he froze at the sight of so many people and forgot his line. His mother was seated in the front row and began mouthing his line for him. Following her cue Jimmy shouted at the top of his voice " my Mother is the light of the world"*

### THEOLOGY AT CHRISTMAS—3 WISE MEN.

We are all very familiar with the story of the 3 wise men who came from the east to do homage to the Christ Child, but how many of us are aware of the theological significance of the Gold, Frankincense and Mirer;. Each of these gifts laid before Jesus reveal an aspect of his nature and purpose. Firstly the Gold points to His divinity, as gold is always associated with gods in all cultures, Frankincense the resin used in religious ceremonies to create the scented smoke that rises in prayer to God, thus it reveals the divinity of the newborn Christ; lastly the Mirer was used in the burial rites among the Jews, thus pointing to the death of Jesus for our sins.

### MASSES FOR 26TH/27TH/28TH/29TH.

There will be no Mass on St Stephen's Day, Mass will be offered on the 27th/28th at 9.30am in Rathowen and at 8pm in Boherquill on the 29th with Adoration of 7pm.

Offertory Collection: Streete.230/ Rathowen 307

