

## RATHOWEN

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, RATHOWEN

# VOCATION SUNDAY / 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, - 10 AM MASS

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## STREETE

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SATURDAY, - 8PM MASS

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### Mass Intentions

**Sunday 21st April 10am: John & Margaret Nally.**

**Sunday 28th April 10am: Mary Carroll, Anniv  
CONFIRMATION CEREMONY**

Next Saturday the 27th is an important day in the life of the Catholic community in Streete and Rathowen, thirty two children will be confirmed by Bishop Paul in Saint Marys , Boherquill at 3pm. We welcome our Bishop on this, his first visit to the parish of Streete, we continue to pray for those preparing for reception of the Sacrament.

**LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGES 2024 SEASON.**

The ancient pilgrimage season to St Patrick's own fast will commence on Friday May 31st and conclude on Thursday Aug 15th. Beside the traditional 3 day visit you can now avail of one day retreats, Quiet days and 5 day retreats, for more information call 071-98615180/info@loughderg.org.

### **PRIESTS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD!!**

*Fr Georges Lemaitre, physicists, collage of Albert Einstein. He developed the theory of " The Big Bang" which explains the first moments of creation. Fr N Copernicus, a Polish astronomer who was the first to assert that the earth is not the centre of our galaxy but rather it was the Sun that lay at the heart of our galaxy, the Earth revolved around the Sun, not Vice Versa. Fr G Mendel discovered the role genetics play in all life, plant and animal. Fr Damien of Malakie, Belgian priest who lived among the lepers and contracted it himself, he was instrumental in pushing for a cure for the dreaded disease, declared a saint in 1965.*

### **CATHOLIC HUMOUR:**

*A priest asks the convicted murder who was strapped into the electric chair if he had any last requests? " yes father " came the reply. " What is it my child" answered the priest, " hold my hand" responded the condemned prisoner"*

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Rathowen 507  
Streete 370

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday 20th April 8pm: Joe Tiernan**

**Saturday 27th April 8pm: John & Mary Blessington.  
SAINTLY WISDOM— PRIESTHOOD.**

" O venerable dignity of Priesthood, in whose hands the Son of God becomes incarnate anew as He formerly did become incarnate in the womb of Mary. The Angels have no such dignity, for God has given it to those men He has chosen to be His holy, humble and pious priests. (Saint John Vianney, Patron Saint of parish priests)

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING.**

**The monthly meeting of the Pastoral Council will take place this Tuesday the 23rd at 8pm in the Parochial Hse, Boherquill, members are encouraged to attend.  
ARDAGH PARISH DRAMA NIGHT.**

Moydow Pillar Box Drama Group will present " Separate Beds" by Sam Cree in Ardagh community centre on Sat 27th of April at 8.30pm, Admission on the door 10 euro, all proceeds will go to Ardagh parish funds, all welcome.  
**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.**

Father them courage and strength to follow your holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolution, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts. Lead them to the vineyard where they will labour in your holy and perfect will all the days you grant them. Amen.

### **A LITTLE BIT OF THEOLOGY. MIRACLES!**

A miracle is an extraordinary phenomenon that cannot be explained by any natural cause, a sign or wonder such as a healing or control of nature which can only be attributed to divine power. For a recovery to be declared a miracle it must be complete, instantaneous and durable. There is no requirement for catholics to believe in a miracle as it is not an article of faith or expressed in the Creed. God gives us miracles to first strengthen our faith and second to allow good to be accomplished in the life of a person of group.