

SUNDAY, - 10 AM MASS

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**RATHOWEN
WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday
Boherquill - 9.30 am

Wednesday
Rathowen - 9.30am

Thursday
Rathowen - 9.30am. Adoration 10-10.30am

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



**STREETE
WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday
Boherquill - 9.30 am

Wednesday
Rathowen - 9.30am

Thursday
en - 9.30am. Adoration 10-10.30am

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

Mass Intentions

Sunday 1st Dec 10am: No Intention
Sunday 8th Dec 10am: No Intention
ADVENT.

The word Advent comes from the latin "adventus" which means a coming, arrival, in advent we prepare our homes and churches as we joyfully anticipate His arrival. The day when the light of the world was born, each of the 4 candles symbolises a different aspect of our waiting, first candle is for hope, the second for peace, the third "Gaudete Sunday joy and the fourth love. The advent wreath has its origins in Germany the circular shape of the wreath symbolises God's eternal love, the evergreens similarly lead us to reflect on the everlasting nature of God. The candles are reminds us that as we grow closer to God the light grows more intense in us. Come lord Jesus come do not delay.

CATHOLIC HEADLINES

(A) Can the church handle a spiritual abuse law? (B) Swiss church puts "AI" Jesus in confessional (C) Bishop warns that "the whole middle east is burning" (D) Report lays bare threat to France's Catholic patrimony. (E) Church and government team up against Femicide in Kenya. (F) Padre Pio's hospital faces mounting debts and labour difficulties. (G) Northern African Bishops warn against the use of the Bible to legitimize war. (H) Pope Francis calls for an end to the use of landmines as Biden allows U.S. mines to be used in the conflict in Ukraine.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Pastoral council will take place this Wednesday December 4th at 8pm in the presbytery in Boherquill, matters to be discussed include Advent and Christmas, First Holy Communion? In 2025, members of the parish can make suggestion & proposals to the council.

CATHOLIC HUMOUR



Mass Intentions

Saturday 30th Nov 8pm: Reilly Family, Balloo.
Friday 6th Dec 8pm: Mary Sullivan.
Sunday 8th Dec 8pm: Matt Fahy.

A LITTLE THEOLOGY: ANIMALS.

The catechism of the catholic church notes "animals are God's creatures. He surround them with His providential care, by their mere existence they bless Him, and give to Him glory. Thus mankind owe them kindness. God has entrusted animals to the stewardship of those He created in His own image and likeness. hence it is legitimate to use animals for clothing and food. They may be for our needs to be domesticated to help us in our work as well as in our leisure. Medical and scientific experimentation on animals is a morally acceptable practice if it remains within reasonable limits and contributes to caring for or saving human life. Animals do not possess a soul..

SAINTLY ADVICE "ETERNITY"

"How can you admire the heavens, my, son when you see that you are more permanent than they? For the heavens pass away, but you will abide for all eternity with Him who is forever. The present is nothing, but eternity abides for those on whom all truth, all good, has shone in one and perfect light. Eternity, eternity when shall I come to you at last?.....Eternity, where we will love with a glance of the soul" (Saint Ambrose)

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2025

It's that time of the year again when the new boxes of offertory envelopes are ready for collection, you will be aware that there are a number of different kind of envelopes in each box, the majority are the weekly mass collections one. Alongside these there are 6 Dues one, Shrove, Easter, Pentecost, Harvest, November and Christmas, these go to the support of the priests of the diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise. Lastly there are 5 brown envelopes which are for various different needs inn the local and universal church. A sincere word of thank you for your continued generosity this year.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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