

**RATHOWEN  
WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday  
**Rathowen 10am**  
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**

Monday  
**Boherquill 8pm**  
Tuesday,  
Boherquill - 9.30 am  
Wednesday,  
Rathowen - 9.30am  
Thursday,  
Rathowen - 9.30am. Adoration 10-10.30am  
Friday,  
Boherquill - 8pm. Adoration 7 - 8pm.

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday 8th December 10am: No Intention**  
**Sunday 15th December 10am: Frank, Patricia Smyth  
Bridget McNamee**

**CATHOLIC HEADLINES**

(A) Catholic Cardinal says women disadvantaged by culture and a certain mentality in the church” (B) Pope approves beatification of Congo’s corruption martyr in new list (C) Christian leaders fearful after Islamist make advances in Syria. (D) Riots in churches in India over the mass controversy in the Syro-Malabar church. (E) Bishops call British step to legalize suicide a “ very bleak day for humanity and civilization”.(F) 21 new cardinals reflect the catholic church's unity amid geographic expansion. (G) Franciscan monastery in the city of Aleppo; friars call for peace.

**A LITTLE THEOLOGY “UNJUST LAWS”**

An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law. To put it in the terms of St Thomas Aquinas “ an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law and natural law, any law that uplifts human personality is just. Civil disobedience against an unjust law is not disrespect for the law, because unjust laws are not simply bad laws, but don't deserve to be identified as laws, one who breaks the law must do so openly, lovingly, and with the willingness to accept the consequences. A law is not unjust simply because I disagree with it, it must strike at the dignity of the person, diminish one's value or humanity.

**CHRISTMAS FARE**

The second Streete Christmas fair will take place this Sunday December the 8th in Streete Parish Park from 11am -5pm. A host of handmade arts and crafts stalls will be present on the day along with the visit of Santa at some stage in the afternoon. A fun-filled afternoon is promised for the whole family both young and old, so come along this Sunday and stock up with those christmas presents.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2025.**

The 2025 envelopes are now ready for collection in both churches for 2025, if you wish to receive a box of these envelopes please contact Fr Pierre. A sincere word of thanks to all those who continue to support the parish week in week out, your generosity is very much appreciated.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

- Streete 185 Thank  
Rathowen 319 You

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 7th December 8pm: Matt Fahy**  
**Saturday 12th December 8pm: Michael Nonnan**  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

The Dogma Of the Immaculate Conception is the belief that the virgin Mary was free from original sin from the moment of her conception, it is one of the 4 Marian church dogmas. Debated by mediaeval theologians and defined by Pope Pius 1x in 1854, some theologians did not agree with this teaching chief among them were the famous Saint Thomas Aquinas, but guided by the Holy Spirit the church that by a unique grace Mary was saved from original sin, but was still in need of the saving act of Jesus Christ, but hers came before the crucifixion on calvary by which we were all saved. Mary pray for us.

**SAINTLY ADVICE “MARY”**

“ In her, the destinies of the world were reversed, and the serpent's head bruised. In her was bestowed the greatest honour put upon any individual of our fallen race. God was taking upon Himself her flesh, and so humbling Himself to be called her offspring, such is the deep mystery. Only at the last judgement will she get any rest until then she is too busy with her children. O blessed and ever-blessed virgin, by whose not only is every creature blessed by its creator but the creator is blessed by the created work of beauty and wonder. ( Saint Bernard of Clairvaux).....

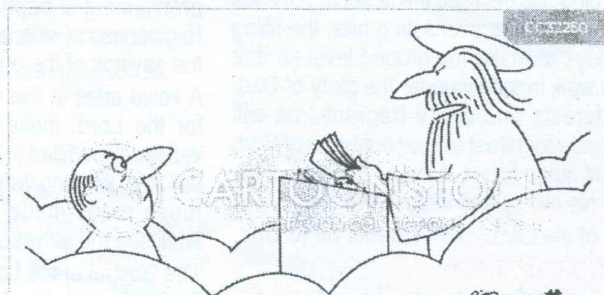
**FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.**

The feast of the Immaculate conception will not be on the 8th of Dec as usual as the 8th is a Sunday and the Sunday celebration takes precedence; so the feast day will be now marked on Monday the 9th. Mass in Rathowen at 10am, and mass in Boherquill will be offered at 8pm on the 9th.

Rest in peace.

The prayer of the church are asked for the repose of the soul of Oliver Reilly, Lismacaffery who died last week, rest in peace.

**CATHOLIC HUMOUR:**



“You picked the wrong religion, period. I'm not going to argue about it.”