

SUNDAY, - 10 AM MASS

SATURDAY, - 8PM MASS

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**RATHOWEN
WEEKDAY MASSES**Tuesday.
Boherquill - 9.30 amWednesday.
Rathowen - 9.30amThursday.
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Boherquill - 8pm. Adoration 7 - 8pm.**STREETE
WEEKDAY MASSES**Tuesday.
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Boherquill - 8pm. Adoration 7 - 8pm.**Mass Intentions****Sunday 30th Dec 10am: Marie Casey' 1st Anniv****Sunday 5th Jan 10am: Dan Duck*****Anniversary Masses 2025***

From the 1st of January 2025 there will be a change to the system of booking Anniv masses, from this date there can be up to 3 intentions for any mass, an exception will apply to Months Mind Masses and first Anniv. The change will allow parishioners to have mass offered on the date they wish Anniv masses can be booked after all masses or by calling.

The 12 days of Christmas song

We are all familiar with the Christmas song "the 12 days of Christmas" did you ever wonder what the words of the song meant or what was the origin of the piece; it was written in England as one of the "catechism songs" to help young Catholics learn the tenets of the faith. It had to be learned without any written aid, since to be caught with anything that was Catholic meant imprisonment and the risk of death. Each gift had a hidden meaning which were as follows" True love is God, the Partridge is the only son of God, 2 turtle doves are the old and new testament, 3 french hens equals faith, hope love, 4 birds calling were the 4 Gospels, 5 gold rings were the first 5 books of the old testament called the "Pentateuch" 6 geese a laying the 6 days of creation, 7 swans-a-swimming the seven sacraments, 8 maids-a-milking the eight Beatitudes, 9 ladies dancing the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit, 10 lord-a-leaping the ten commandments. can you guess the last two, gifts, will publish the answer next weekend.

World Headlines this week.

(1) Biden to meet Pope in January before he leaves office. (2) Trumps pick of US envoy to Vatican the fastest in a quarter century. (3) Church take up the battle against gambling in Brazil. (4) Christians in Gaza, Syria need everything, Vatican Cardinal says. (5) Miraculous cure of former atheist now priest, clinches Canonization of Pier giorgio Frassati. (6) Knight of Columbus donate mobile broadcasting unit to Vatican for the 2025 Jubilee year. (7) Record numbers of Belgians request catholic disaffiliation.

Offertory collection

Rathowen	880	Thank
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Mass Intentions**Sat 29th Dec 8pm: Mickey, Pat, Lena. Peter Early-Coolnagun.****Sat 4th Jan 8pm: Joseph Quinn, Vincent & Peggy Daly, Daughter Ardlenne Kerrigan, Denise Bardon, Jack & Mary Daly.*****Jubilee year Pilgrimage***

The Jubilee year commenced on Christmas Eve with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Rome, up to 20 million pilgrims are expected to make a trip to Rome. The diocese of Ardagh & Clonmacnoise has plans to travel to the Eternal city from the 9th to the 16th of Sept led by Bishop Paul Connell; there will also be a visit to Assisi. All in cost will be 1175 Euros, you can secure a place by paying a 300 Euro deposit from the 7th of January. To book your place or for more information contact Myriam tours or email them on 05793-50050/info@myrian.ie.

What is the Incarnation?

God comes into our world as compassion in the person of Jesus Christ, the invisible God is embodied in the person of Jesus, in him the innermost being of God, God's inner mystery, the splendour and sacred identity of God are transformed from glory to compassion. God is now active redemptively in human persons who embody and practice the goodness and love of God. The Incarnation is a mystery of God's intervention as compassion in our world it is the fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham i.e that God's bridges the chasm of evil-and the abnormal potential for evil depicted in the tower of Babel story-with grace and mercy. God is bound to human suffering in Jesus Christ by the Spirit's power that our human response is the mode by which God works in his creation, God at work in all things and in all times.....

Saintly wisdom Reason

"Reason is one thing, and faith another, and reason can as little be made a substitute for faith, as faith can be made a substitute reason. Reason can but ascertain the profound difficulties of our condition, it cannot remove them."(John Henry Cardinal Newman)

Offertory envelopes 2025

The weekly mass offering envelopes are now available for collection in both churches, if you cant find your box simply give Fr Pierre a call, thank you for your continued support in 2024.....