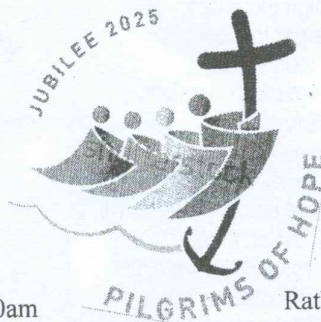


SUNDAY, - 10 AM MASS

SATURDAY, - 8PM MASS

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**RATHOWEN
WEEKDAY MASSES**Tuesday.
Boherquill - 9.30 amWednesday.
Rathowen - 9.30amThursday.
Rathowen - 9.30am. Adoration 10-10.30amFriday.
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Boherquill - 8pm. Adoration 7 - 8pm.**Mass Intentions**

Sunday Jan 12th, 10am: Michael Kelly & Kelly family.
Sunday Jan 18th, 10am: Patrick, Elish, Michael, Vincent Tighe.

Bernadette Moran. Anniv

Catholic headlines

(1) Pope names first woman head of a prefect, with cardinal as Asst Prefect. (2) China's oldest priest dies at 104: A life of faith and 25 years of persecution. (3) Half a million cross Holy Door in St Peters since Christmas Eve. (4) In facing populist tide Pope Francis risks exposing any church skeletons. (5) Camino sets another new record for pilgrims in 2024. (6) 116-year-old Brazilian nun, the oldest person alive. (7) 'Vocation Boom' French Bishop resigns at the request of Pope Francis. (8) "Church, all or nothing!"

Jubilee Pilgrimage 2025

2025 had been declared a Holy Year by Pope Francis, and it is expected that 30 million pilgrims will visit Rome, as part of our diocesan Jubilee year pilgrimage will take place to Rome with a day trip to Assisi from the 9th-16th of Sept, led by Bishop Paul, staying in the Irish College in the center of the city. The all in price 1175 euros (a single supplement charge of 210), a booking deposit of 300 will secure a place on the pilgrimage, for more details or to reserve a place contact Myriam tours on 0579355050 or email info@myriam.ie, places are limited and will fill up.

Saintly wisdom Meditation

"God knows how to bring it about that a man enjoys meditation as if he were going to a dance. Or on the other hand, He knows how to let one experience meditation as if struggling in battle. I recommend to you that holy and sacred solitude, that inner desert in which your soul is alone with its creator and lover" (St Paul of the cross)

Catholic humour

Jesus asked God, His father where has he been these last 4 years?, In Ireland God replied. Jesus was shocked by His fathers reply and replied the world has been wracked by war, violence and a global pandemic, and you have been in Ireland? what have you been doing?. God leaned over and kindly whispered "working from home son, working from home".....

Mass Intentions

Sat 11th Jan, 8pm: Mai Gaynor.
Sat 18th Jan, 8pm: Michael & Elizabeth Fagan & Fagan, Gorman, Reilly families.

Catholic teaching on cremation.

The church has a long history of teaching that the human body is sacred, and should be treated with respect. This teaching is based on the belief that the human body is created in the image and likeness of God, because of this the church has preferred that the bodies of the faithful have a traditional burial after death. However the church also recognises that there are valid reasons why some people may choose to have the bodies of loved one cremated, for example for sanitary reasons, or it may be the only option allowed in certain parts of the world. Catholic teaching on this matter is based on two important values, firstly respect for the human body and secondly the hope of the resurrection of the body. The church asks catholic to make their decision with these two values in mind, the cremated remain are to be treated with respect, not to be scattered, divided or kept in mementos, instead they should be buried in a sacred place such as a cemetery of a fitting place of rest and repose.

Date for the diary 2025

1st Feb St Bridget's day, Feb 2nd Candlemas (blessing of candles)
Feb 3rd St Blaise (blessing of throats) 5th of March, Ash Wednesday, 17th of March feast of saint Patrick. 20th of April Easter Sunday, Blessing of the graves Russagh/Rathaspic June 14th, Streete, Coolmaber, Boherquill Saturday 21st of June (Mass 8pm in cemetery)

Offertory Envelopes for 2025.

The new offertory envelopes for 2025 are available in both churches ready for collection. Each book contains the weekly Sunday collection envelopes, the 5 special collections and the 6 priest Dues collections, to all who contribute each week a sincere word of thanks and gratitude for your support. If you can not see your name, please contact Fr Pierre to arrange for one to be allotted.

Offertory collection

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