

SUNDAY, - 10 AM MASS

SATURDAY, - 8PM MASS

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**RATHOWEN
WEEKDAY MASSES**

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Mass Intentions

Sunday 26th Jan 10am: Jack & Rose Gilchrist, daughter Rosemary, & baby Teresa.

Sunday 2nd Feb 10am: James Kelly.

CANDLEMAS FEB 2ND.

The feast of Candlemas is celebrated 40 days after the feast of Christmas, the Presentation of the baby Jesus is the proper title for the feast day. It marks the Jewish rite when every first born son was brought to the temple to be circumcised. We recall the entry into the temple of the son of God, who became subject to the law. He, the light of the world entered and they did not recognise Him, only Anna and Simeon. The parents carried with them the candle to be used in the ceremony, but the true light was carried in the arms of his mother Mary. This feast day is one in which we call in a particular way all who consecrate their lives to Christ in the religious life. On this day candles that will be used at home or in the church are blessed at mass.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

The annual pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place this year from 8/15 October, flying from Knock to Mostar, cost of pilgrimage will be 875 euros per person sharing, and includes flights, transfers, meals and accommodation. There is a 50 euro discount for early bookers with deposit paid by 31st of January, for more information please contact Jeremiah Nally on 087-4309096, limited places.

CATHOLIC HEADLINES

1. Is the Vatican's china deal making progress on a road to nowhere. 2: Christian survivor of terrorism prays for Boko Haram terrorist group. 3: Cardinal Sarah publishes new book 'does God exist' 4: German priest reported to police over anti-AfD homily. 5: After first woman heads Vatican Prefect, Pope Francis says another will follow. 6: President Trump claims God saved him to run America. 7: South African Bishop describes the horror of mines rescue after the collapse. 8: Nuns on the run to avoid late fines in Aopo

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Anyone wishing to collect their box of church envelopes for 2025 can do so in either church, they will be available in the front seat, once again thank you for your continued support for the upkeep of the church as well as the support of the priests of the diocese of Ardagh & Clonmacnoise.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 31st Jan 8pm: No intention

Saturday 1st Feb 8pm: No intention.

A LITTLE THEOLOGY: GAMBLING

Is it a sin to place a bet on a horse, or to do the lotto? the church teaches that games of chance or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally and socially unacceptable when they deprive people of what is necessary to provide for their needs and those of others. The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement to those controlled by it. Those who run business that promote gambling have a serious duty of care, to make sure that they do not act in such a manner so as to encourage, tempt, or manipulate those prone to gamble to do so to excess, in the name of profit & fun.

SAINTLY ADVICE 'LOVE'

"If the church was a body made up of different members, it couldn't lack the noblest of all: it must have a heart, and a heart burning with love. And I know that this love was the true motive force that enabled the other members of the church to act; if it ceased to function, the Apostles would forget to preach the Gospel, the martyrs would refuse to shed their blood"..... (Saint Teresa of Lisieux.)

FEAST OF ST BRIDGET 1ST FEB,

This Saturday the church will honour one of the three patrons of our nation, St Bridget, Mary of the Gaels, in Bridget we see a woman of faith and practicality, a person meek and at the same time brave and assured of her call to serve God and preach His Gospel. We pray that the church will be blessed with men and women who once again will fan the flames of faith give new heart to a church that has grown old and unsure, as her feast marks the start of spring time so to may we experience a spring time in our own parish

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: SAT/SUN 18TH & 19TH J

Boherquill: 230 THANK
Rathowen: 308 YOU