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SUNDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY - 10 AM MASSSATURDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY - 8PM MASSEMAIL: [MCDCOATH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MCDCOATH@GMAIL.COM)

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**Mass Intentions (Rathowen)**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb - James KellySunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb - DFM Dardis Family & Deirdre  
McArdle/Dardis (Birthday Remembrance)**Mass Intentions (Boherquill)**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb - No IntentionSat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb - Michael Rainsford (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**

The annual pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place this year from 8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Oct, departing from Knock to Mostar, cost of pilgrimage will be €875 per person sharing. This includes flight transfers, meals and accommodation. For more information or to book a place please contact Jeremiah Nally on 087 430 9096.

**A LITTLE THEOLOGY: REFUGEES**

Catholic teaching views immigration not as a divisive phenomenon, but as an occasion to build the human family. It recognises a range of human rights for newcomers, based on their God given dignity that extends far beyond those recognised by individual nations or international bodies. The church holds three key principles while considering this matter: 1. People have a right to migrate to sustain their lives and the lives of their families. 2. Every country has the right to regulate their borders and the control of immigration, while individuals have the right to move in search of safety, no country is bound to accept all those who wish to resettle there. 3. A country must regulate its borders with both mercy and compassion for all those affected by this reality.

**SAINTLY ADVICE: SIMPLICITY**

"Craftiness is the accumulation of artefacts, intrigues, deceits and appearances to mislead the mind of those with whom we converse. This is quiet the reverse of true simplicity which requires that the outside should always correspondence with what is inside. God in his nature is most simple and cannot admit of any duplicity. If we then would be conformed to him we should try to become by virtue what he is by nature. We should be simple in our intention, affections, actions and words." (St. Julilian of Norwich)

**WORD OF THANKS**

On behalf of all the community of Rathowen and Streete, we would like to extend a word of gratitude to all those front line workers who over the past week have worked tirelessly to restore the services lost as a result of the recent storm, their work is much appreciated and valued, God bless them all.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**Ash Wednesday - 5<sup>th</sup> MarchEaster Sunday - 20<sup>th</sup> AprilFirst Holy Communion - 8<sup>th</sup> June**BLESSING OF GRAVES:**Rathaspic/Russagh - 14<sup>th</sup> June.Streete, Coolamber & Boherquill - 21<sup>st</sup> JuneOfferotory Collection: 25<sup>th</sup> /26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Streete - €95

Rathowen - €180

**PRAYER FOR SPRING**

Heavenly Father you have guided us through the winter days of darkness and now we stand on the threshold of a new Spring full of promise of new life and rebirth. May we embrace both the darkness of life and the promise of new life which are both a gift from you. St Brigid pray for us.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD**

The prayers of the church are asked for the repose of the soul of Alice Donoghue, Clonwhelan and Patrick O' Neill, Rathowen and late of Mullingar. Rest In Peace.