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SUNDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY – 10 AM MASSSATURDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY – 8PM MASSEMAIL: [MCDCOATH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MCDCOATH@GMAIL.COM)

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RATHOWEN/STREETE  
WEEKDAY MASSESTuesday

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**Mass Intentions (Rathowen)**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Mary Lambden (nee O' Connor) (2<sup>nd</sup>  
Anniversary) & DFM  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – No Intention

**Mass Intentions (Boherquill)**

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Oliver Reilly (Month's Mind)  
Sat 1<sup>st</sup> March – Alice Donohoe (Month's Mind)

**WORLD HEADLINES**

1. Pope diagnosed with pneumonia, in good spirits.
2. UK to end ban on Catholics in Church of Scotland role.
3. Is Croatia's Catholic Church facing a "spotlight" moment?
4. Why are churches being bombed in Myanmar?
5. Did a woman "concelebrate" at an Archbishop's Mass in Brazil?
6. Cardinal Parolin: Europe must rediscover itself to face major challenges.
7. Pope: Without human control, AI could show its 'fearsome' side.

**A LITTLE THEOLOGY - FASTING BEFORE MASS**

The current teaching regarding fasting before receiving Holy Communion states "One who is to receive the most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from all food and drink except water at least one hour before Holy Communion". The purpose of fasting is essentially a discipline that focuses our mind and our spirit and what we are about to do and receive at mass. This requirement applies to anyone over 12 years of age and under 65.

**SAINTLY ADVICE - HUMILITY**

"It is to the humble that Christ belongs, not to those who exalt themselves above their flock. Our Lord Jesus Christ the Sceptre of God's Majesty, did not come pomp of pride or arrogance – though he could have done so – but rather in humility. Whoever subjects themselves to their neighbour in love can never be humiliated. If you should ask me what the ways of God are, I would tell you that the first is humility, the second is humility and the third is humility. (St. Augustine of Hippo).

**ST. FINTAN'S N.S. LISMACAFFREY - ENROLLING FOR 2025**

Enrolment Forms for new pupils for the school year 2025/2026 are now available at the school.

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**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

First of all a word of thanks to all who continue to contribute to the upkeep of both parishes every week, your generosity is much appreciated. One of the things, that every parish are now required to do, by Charity Regulation is to have a comprehensive record of all monies received. In order of us to comply with these regulations, we would ask where possible that parishioners would use their offertory envelopes every week, we appreciate sometimes this might not be possible but as far a practical to encourage this practice.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Ash Wednesday – 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Easter Sunday – 20<sup>th</sup> April  
First Holy Communion – 8<sup>th</sup> June

**BLESSING OF GRAVES:**

Rathaspic/Russagh – 14<sup>th</sup> June.  
Streete, Coolamber & Boherquill – 21<sup>st</sup> June

**Offertory Collection:**

Streete - €290  
Rathowen - €412