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SUNDAY, 2ND MARCH - 10 AM MASSSATURDAY, 1ST MARCH - 8PM MASSEMAIL: MCDCOATH@GMAIL.COM

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RATHOWEN/STREETE
WEEKDAY MASSESTuesday

Boherquill - 9.30 am

Wednesday

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Mass Intentions (Rathowen)Sunday 2nd March - No IntentionMonday 9th March - Michael, Catherine & Jim Kelly &

DFM and Kitty Keane & DFM

Mass Intentions (Boherquill)Sat 1st March - Alice Donohoe (Month's Mind)Sat 8th March - Luke Kiernan**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE**

How we know when and how long Lent is and who observes it, but we haven't really tackled what it's all about. Well, Lent is meant to be a time of spiritual preparation. The purpose of the 40 day length is to recall and parallel the 40 days of temptation that Jesus endured in preparation for his public ministry: *Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.* (Matthew 4:1-2) Just as Jesus spent 40 days in the desert while spiritually preparing for his ministry, so too Christians are to spend Lent spiritually preparing for their ministry. During this time, Christians are meant to focus on spiritual self-examination, renewal, and growth. In many traditions, Lent is a time of fasting and abstinence. This is where the common "I'm giving up meat or chocolate for Lent" comes from. But, in addition to self-denial, Lent is also a time of active practices like alms-giving and acts of mercy, forgiveness, repentance and prayer. Many Christians 'give up' something during Lent in order to spend more time, money, and attention on the active practices previously mentioned. These practices of denial and action are meant to work in unison to prepare the heart to experience anew the power of Christ's suffering, death, and ultimately, resurrection during Holy Week.

WEDNESDAY

The tradition of wearing ashes has its origins in the Old Testament where sinners performed acts of public penance. The purpose of wearing ashes is to remind us of our mortality. During the Ash Wednesday service the phrase "remember man that you are dust and to dust you shall return", taken from the book of Genesis. The ashes are traditionally made from the palms used at the previous Palm Sunday's mass. Ashes will be distributed at both masses this coming Wednesday.

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

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

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CAIRN BOXES for the Lenten donations are now available in all churches. We encourage you to take one and return it Holy Week, your sacrifice will make a huge difference to the lives of others.

PRAYERS COLLECTION A second collection will be taken up next Sunday at mass, which will be used to assist the sick and disabled pilgrims who will travel with the diocese to Lourdes.

Prayers of the church are asked for the repose of the soul of Joan Donohoe, Rathowen who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

IMPORTANT DATES:Ash Wednesday - 5th MarchEaster Sunday - 20th AprilFirst Holy Communion - 8th June**BLESSING OF GRAVES:**Rathaspic/Russagh - 14th June.Streete, Coolamber & Boherquill - 21st June**Offertory Collection:**

Streete - €130

Rathowen - €285