

SUNDAY, - 10 AM MASS

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**RATHOWEN  
WEEKDAY MASSES**Tuesday

Rathowen - 7.00 am

Wednesday

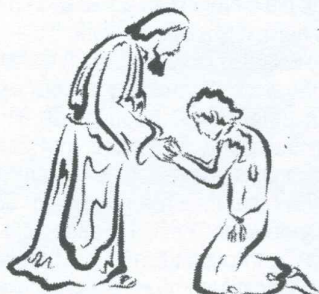
Boherquill- 9.30am

Thursday

Rathowen - 9.30am. Adoration 10-10.30am

Friday

Boherquill - 8pm. Adoration 7 - 8pm.

**STREETE  
WEEKDAY MASSES**Tuesday

Rathowen - 7.00 am

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Boherquill - 8pm. Adoration 7 - 8pm.

**Mass Intentions**

Sunday 30th March: No intention

Sunday 6th April: Lilly Maguire

**A LITTLE THEOLOGY "HOPE"**

According to the catechism of the catholic church, christian hope is the "theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promise and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the holy Spirit. Hope is a gift from God By which we trust in Jesus CAhrst that He will keep His promise and help us through difficulties on our journey to heaven, The virtue of hope responds to our desire for happiness which God has placed in the hearts of every person, hope is not merely optimism never disappoints.

**CATHOLIC HEADLINES**

A. Embassy condemns Papal critique of Israeli bombing of Gaza B. As England leans closer to legalizing assisted suicide, bishops urge catholics to speak up C. Church in Chile reject opening of commercial stores on Good Friday. D. Democratic Republic of Congo bishops face backlash over their peace plans. E. Vatican clarifies that writings of Maria Valtorta are not of supernatural origin. F. Eucharistic procession in Derry a "breakthrough in Ireland. G. Jesus was not a Yogi: bishop rejects theories expressed by priest. H., Carlo Acutis, "I am in your hands" young catholic doctor recovers from cancer. and thanks new teenage saint.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION 22ND/23RD MARCH.**

Rathowen 248

**Thank**

Streete 423

**You**

Catholic humour.

**Mass Intentions**

Sat 29th March: Brian, Agnes, Martha, Colm Reilly

Fri 4th April: Dec members Streete Wildlife club.

Sat 5th April: No intention.

**SAINTLY WISDOM "GOD IN HUMANITY"**

"When he saw that man is made in the image and likeness of God, the devil realised that it was useless for him to fight against God, so instead he entangled God's image in evil. In the same way, an angry man might throw stones at the emperor's image, since he cannot throw them at the emperor and so he must be content with striking the wood that bears his likeness. The dignity of resembling the Almighty is common to all men and women, we should then love them all as ourselves, living images of God. (Saint Anslem).

**A BLESSING FOR MOTHERS.**

May Jesus, the son of Mary be your protector to give you strength and health and peace, so that you may be a refuge and haven for your family. Loving God as all mothers give life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your church. Bless all mothers that they may be strengthened as christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we their sons and daughters may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect and love, today and always, Amen...

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING.**

A pastoral meeting will take place next Thursday, 3rd of April in presbytery, Boherquill/ Matters to be discussed include, Easter ceremonies, First Holy communion and the annual blessing of the graves. If you wish to raise "Pastoral" matters please contact any member of the pastoral council with your issue.

**WEDDING GREETINGS.**

Congratulation to Sorca Cox, Rathowen and Chris Winters, Carlow who were married recently in St Mary's church Rathowen, we wish them all the best for the future

**LISMACAFFREY N.S.**

Lismacaffrey N.S. are raising funds for the school through return scheme, you can support our school by dropping off any empty cans or bottles you have at the collection point by school gate. Your support is welcome and much appreciated.