

SUNDAY, - 10 AM

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**RATHOWEN  
WEEKDAY MASSES**Tuesday,

Boherquill - 7.00 am

Wednesday,

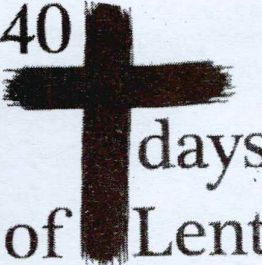
Rathowen - 9.30am

Thursday,

Rathowen - 9.30am. Adoration 10-10.30am

Friday,

Boherquill - 8pm. Adoration 7 - 8pm.

40  
  
 days  
 of Lent

**STREETE  
WEEKDAY MASSES**Tuesday,

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**Mass Intentions****Sunday 6th April: Lilly Maguire.****Sunday 13th April: No Intention*****Lough Derg 2025***

For 1600 years christians have been following in the footsteps of St Patrick who spent 40 days and nights on the island in Lough Derg, the traditional pilgrimage last 3 days and involved intense fasting, and depriving the body of sleep and comfort. This pilgrimage continues to the present but there are now a variety of visits that a pilgrim can make, from the "Quiet Day" to a one day retreat, or you may opt for a residential retreat on the Island. For more information or to book a place on any of the options call (071)9861418 or [Loughderg.ie](http://Loughderg.ie).

***Saintly Wisdom: God***

"Of God we cannot say all that ought to be said..In those matters that concern God, to confess our ignorances is already great knowledge. To speak of the Godhead is like trying to cross the ocean on a raft, or fly to the moon on a little bird's wings, almost everything said of God is unworthy, for the very reason that it is capable of being said. He is in all, but not included by them"(St Hilda).

***Catholic Headlines.***

Priest criticises 'taboo' against reporting clerical abuse in Africa. New research finds John Paul effect on boosting fertility in Latin America. UK bill set to threaten the seal of confession. Church criticises anti-NGOs bill in Peru. German ordinations hit record low in 2024. Pilgrims attacked by Hindu nationalists in India. 3 million young catholics expect to attend World Youth day in Seoul, South Korea in 2027. 65% of Nobel prize winners believe in God. "Pope Francis' sickness recalls John Paul's days.

***Catholic Humour*****Mass Intentions****Saturday 5th April: No intention.****Saturday 12th April: Lilly & Jack Carty.****Margaret Kerrigan M/M.*****Date for Easter?***

At the council of Nicea in 325, the date for Easter was fixed as the Sunday after the full moon after the spring equinox. Sunday, 20 April 2025 is the feast of Easter. Eastern christians calculate the date for Easter according to the Julian calendar, the calendar in general use before the Gregorian reform of 1582. One of the reforms was the removal of ten days and this discrepancy, now thirteen days between the Julian and Gregorian Calendars Results often in a different date for Easter in East and West as they follow the two calendars. But in 2025 both calendars have the same date for Easter: 20 April. The feast of Passover is a jewish feast lasting 7 days, which begins at sundown on the 20th of April(14 Nisan 5785)

***Padre Pio Relics.***

The relics of Padre Pio will visit Holy Cross Abbey in Co Tipperary, ( E41PH01), from Saturday 24th of May to Sunday 25th of May. Each day there will be opportunity to hear mass, go to confession and make a visit to the relics to offer veneration, the abbey will be open each day from 10am to 8pm. For more details you call Holy Cross parish on 0504-431124/facebook.

***Palm Sunday.***

Next weekend is Palm Sunday, and marks the beginning of Holy week, palms are traditionally blessed on this day and then brought back to our homes, this year we invite you to bring your own palm to mass where they will be blessed, if you are unable to source the palm we will also have some available in both churches which you can take

***Chrism Mass St Mel's Cathedral.***

Each year a mass of Chrism is celebrated in all cathedrals in the world by the Bishop with his priests and people, during the mass the holy oils are blessed and taken to all the churches of the diocese, the priests also renew their vows. You are invited to be part of this diocesan mass which will take place on Wednesday the 17th of April at 7pm. Bishop Paul will be the chief celebrant on the day.

***Offertory Collection 29th/30th: Rathowen 281/Streete 300***