# ST. MARY'S CHURCH, RATHOWEN & BOHERQUILL

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### RATHOWEN WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Boherquill – 9.30 am

Wednesday, Rathowen – 9.30am

Thursday,
Rathowen – 9.30am. Adoration 10-10.30an

Friday.
Boherquill – 8pm. Adoration 7 – 8pm.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Sunday 20th July: Kit & Josie Price. Sunday 27th July: Phil Lynch M/M CROAGH PATRICK.

Reek Sunday, the last day of July is the traditional day when thousands of pilgrim climb Ireland's holy mountain following in the footsteps of St Patrick, this year a bus will travel to Croagh Patrick on Sunday the 27th of July, departing Granard at 5am, Ballinalee church at 5.15am and old carpark at St Mels Cathedral at 5.25am. Please bring a packet lunch, water and a long stick. To book a seat ring Kitty on 086-0405621 or Peter on 087-6613510.

SAINTLY WISDOM 'GODS WILL'

"Thy will be done on earth as in heaven". In this we pray, not that God should be able to do as He wills-for who can resist God to keep Him from doing as He wills? Rather we pray that we may be able to do God's will. Since we are hindered by the Devil from obeying with our thoughts and deed God's will in all things, we pray asking that God's will may be done in us. The creator has used the very will of the creature that was working in opposition to His will as an instrument for carrying out His will.

(St Ambrose of Milan)

LIGHT THE FIRE.

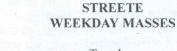
The hill of Slane in Co Meath, the site where St Patrick lit the flame in defiances of the king and the druids, will once again be the place where the flame of faith is lit, on Sunday the 3rd of August a gathering will take place on the Hill of Slane lead by Archbishop Eamon Martin. The ceremony commences at 12 noon and concludes at 4.30pm after mass. The day will include rosary, adoration, confession ending with Mass. If you are planning to attend, you are asked to bring a folding stool.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2025.

The annual pilgrimage to Medjugorje takes place from the 8th to the 15th of October, flying out fromKnock Airport to Mostar. The cost of the pilgrimage is 850 euro per person sharing, including flights, transfers, meals and hotel. For more information or to book a contact Jerry on 087-4309096.

LOUGH DERG.

The pilgrimage season on St Patrick's island, Lough Derg is in full swing, besides the traditional 3 day visit, you can now do a one day pilgrimage as well as a 5 day residential retreat which does not include fasting, bare feet or all night vigils. For more info see <u>loughgerg.ie</u> or call 071-986151. ..........



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Saturday 19th July: Robert Dodd M/M
Tony Boyce 4th Anniv.

Tom & Bridget Tighe & Donnell & Tighe families. Saturday 26th July: Frs Ned & Michael O Hara, & Brigid and John O Hara, DFM.
Patarica O Brien M/M.

## BITE SIZE THEOLOGY, 'ORGAN DONATION'

The church views organ donation as a morally good act of self-giving and a noble charitable act that can save lives. It is considered a demonstration of love for one's neighbours and an opportunity to foster a culture of life. The church emphasizes that the donor's dignity and well-being must be respected and valued throughout the process, and informed consent is crucial The church encourages organ donation as an act that aligns with the christian values of love, compassion and sacrifice, it is seen as a generous gift of life offered freely to another person.

## HEADLINES WORLDWIDE.

A. Rome readies for Jubilee of Youth" you will never have an experience like this again"B. Christians condemn threat of violence by Hindu legislator in India. C. Pope Leo XIV home town council purchases his childhood home. D. Notre-Dame cathedral, Paris welcomes over 6 million visitors since its opening. E. In the Netherlands: Little diocese, big appointment F. Church leaders condemn violence by Israeli settlers on West Bank town. F. Artificial intelligence is putting humanity at a crossroads, says Pope Leo. G. Ban online gambling, Filipino bishops ask Marcos government. H. Why is the Vatican's foreign in India?

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Cara Phort family Resource Centre, Ballycarrigh are looking for a number of helpers in the Rathowen area to help with the Meals on Wheels service, if you can even offer a few hours a month it would be greatly appreciated and will make a major difference to someone's life. For more information contact us in Cara Phort, Harbour St, Ballycarrigh or call 0449373060.

Offertory collection: Rathowen

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