

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH, RATHOWEN

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### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday.

Boherquill – 9.30 am

Wednesday.

Rathowen – 9.30am

Thursday.

Rathowen – 9.30am. Adoration 10-10.30am

Friday.

Boherquill – 8pm. Adoration 7 – 8pm.

Micheal & Mary Dolan.

### WEEKEND MASSES 23rd/24th Aug

Saturday 23rd August: No Intention

Sunday 24th August: Mary Murphy, parents

Tom and Lil Murray.

### WEEKEND 30TH/31TH Aug

Saturday 30th August: Pat Deveany, 2nd Anniv.

Saturday 31st August: Jim, Mary, Ann, Peggy, Josie Tighe, and Patrick Fagan.

### *Catholic Headlines.*

1: Trial of catholic media tycoon in Hong Kong delayed again. 2: Greek catholic bishop in Ukraine: only 37 of 80 parishes remain active. 3: Pope Leo says forgiveness means evil doesn't have the last word. 4: From Rome to home: Young catholics strive to be witness for Christ following a joyous gathering in Rome with Pope Leo. 5: Catholics now outnumber Anglicans among Gen Z in the UK, according to study. 6: Tallest cross in the world, (594ft) will remain despite spanish "resignification" project. 7: Poor Clare abbess criticises Vatican order to close convents with less than 5 nuns. 8: Francisian expert on artificial intelligences addresses its ethical challenges. 9: Spanish supreme court rules surrogacy exploits women, harms children's rights.

### *Knock diocesan pilgrimage.*

The annual Ardagh and Clonmacnoise pilgrimage to the Marian shrine in Knock will take place on the 7th of September, it will be led by Bishop Paul Connell Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise. Ceremonies will commence at 2pm with the Anointing of the sick in the Basilica, this will be followed by mass at 3pm. There will be opportunity for confession in the confessional chapel with priests hearing confession all day. If the weather permits there will be a rosary procession in the grounds of the shrine. This is an important date in the life of the diocesan family north & south, young and old, sick or well, come join us on the 7th

### *Back to school.*

It doesn't seem that long ago we were wishing the students a nice long summer holiday, and here we are welcoming them back to school. The summer is well and truly on the way out when the children are back at school, so to all the children returning to school during these coming days we wish you all the best of luck as you begin a new year, a new teacher or a new school. A special good luck to all the boys and girls who will be starting school for the first time. Congratulations to all those students who received their Leaving Cert results on Friday, and blessings on whatever choices you will make ...

Rest in Peace.

The prayers of the church are asked for the repose of the souls of Margaret Denning, Cavan and late of Coolnagun, Streete & Michael Keane, Mullingar and late of Rathowen, rest in peace Offertory collection

Streete 525 Rathowen 380 Thank you

### *Saintly wisdom*

### *'The our father'*

"What can be a more spiritual prayer than the one that was given to us by Christ, who also gave us the Holy Spirit? What pray rto the father can be more truthful than the one that was delivered to us by the son who is truth, from his own mouth?.... Let us therefore beloved brothers and sisters, pray as God our teacher has taught us. It is a loving and friendly prayer to beseech God with his own and now our words, to approach his ear in the prayer of Christ. Let the Father acknowledge the words of his Son when we make our holy prayer, and let the one who dwells within our breast himself also dwell in our voice. And since we have him as our advocate with the Father for our sins, when as sinners we petition on behalf of an sin, let us but forward the words of our advocate. (ST Ambrose)

### *A little theology 'Real presences'*

The catholic church teaches, believes that in the Eucharist Jesus Christ is truly and substantially present -body and blood, soul and divinity-under the appearance of bread and wine. This presence is not simply a symbolic or metaphorical presence. We see the this new reality as the fulfilment of Jesus' promise teaching, I will be with you always" "this is my body given up for you" "who ever eat my body and drinks my blood has eternal life, this mystery of the church is called 'transubstantiation' This change is not in any way detectable any of the senses, the 'Essences' of bread and wine become the real presences. This change is brought about in mass by the eucharistic prayer through the efficacy of the words Christ spoke and the power of the Holy Spirit spoken by the priest.....

### *Medjugorje pilgrimage*

The annual pilgrimage to Medjugorje take place this year from the 8th to the 15th of October, all in cost is 850 euros covers flights, accommodation, food taxes and transfers, Fr PJ Huges and Fr Jomon will act as spiritual directors. For more information or to book a place on the pilgrimage contact Gerry Nally 087-4309096.

### *Catholic humour;*

As the 98 year old bishop was dying, the nuns and priests gathered around him, trying to make his last journey comfortable, they brought him some warm milk from the kitchen, but he refused. One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen. Remembering a bottle of whiskey gifted to her last Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the milk. Returning to the bishops bedside she held it to his lips, before he knew it he drank the whole glass. Your eminences asked a monsignor, give us some wisdom