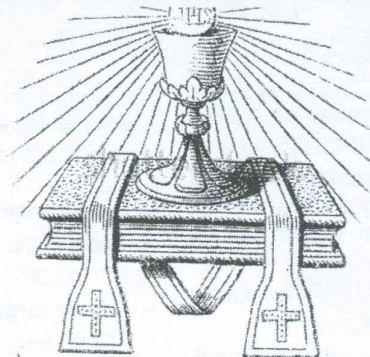


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WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday

Boherquill – 9.30 am

Wednesday

Rathowen – 9.30am

Thursday

Rathowen – 9.30am. Adoration 10-10.30am

Friday

Boherquill – 8pm. Adoration 7 – 8pm.

WEEKEND MASSES 31th/14th

Saturday 13th Sept: William, Helen, Hal, Fiona Gaynor.

Sunday 14th Sept: Ambrose and Rose Maguire.

WEEKEND MASSES 20TH/21TH

Saturday 29th Sept: Pat and Annie McNally

Sunday 21st Sept: Marcellia Farrell.

A Little Theology 'Suffering'

Catholic teaching understands suffering as a part of the human condition, not directly willed by God but often a consequence of free will and sin. The core belief is that suffering can become redemptive suffering when united with the passion of Jesus Christ, allowing it to become a spiritual offering that can lead to personal growth, hope and compassion and a participation in Christ's redemptive work. Even in suffering God is present with us, offering support and love even if his presence is not always felt by us. The suffering and death of Jesus provides the ultimate meaning to human suffering, how we can rise above pain.

Quotes from newest saints.

"In a world gone astray from God, there is no peace, but it also lacks charity, that is true and perfect love" (Pier Giorgio)

"I am dying peacefully because I have lived life without wasting a single minute on things that displease God. What good would it be for a human being to win a thousand battles if they are incapable of conquering their very self? Our true goal must be the infinite not the finite"(Carlos Acutis)

"A Catholic cannot help but be happy, sadness should be banished from their soul, suffering is not sadness, which is the worst disease. This disease is almost always caused by atheism but the end for which we were created guides us along life's thorns pathway which may be strewn with but is not sad" (Pier Giorgio)

Our common home

As part of the church's season of creation, which is a call to all Christians to be responsible stewards of creation a talk will take place on Saturday the 20th of September in the Knock House hotel, commencing at 10am and concluding at 3pm. Speakers will include Eanna Ni Lamhna, broadcaster and Jane Mellett, Trocaire. Cost is 15 euro, for more details and book a place contact Nicola on faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie.

Mass intentions 2026.

The mass intention diary is now available for booking 2026, to arrange an anniversary mass call after any mass or call Fr Pierre. Up to 3 intention can be included at any mass, except for Months Mind and first anniversary, which will be a single.

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Saintly wisdom 'Suffering'

"Life itself came down to be slain: Bread came down to suffer hunger: the way came down to endure weariness on his journey the fountain came down to experience thirst. Do you then refuse to work and suffer? If God cause you to suffer much, it is a sign that he has great designs for you, and he certainly intends to make you a saint. Suffering is a great favour, remember that everything soon comes to an end....and take courage. Think of how are gains will be eternal and of the most sweetest kind ...(Saint theresa of Avila)

World headlines

1:Filipino priest who defied Duterte dictatorship to receive Nobel prize of SAsia 2: South Sudan bishops warn nation faces 'bomb' of youth anger unraveling souls. 3: "The church of the sheaves"-how to prepare priests for re-evangelization of the west. 4: Producers to promote crowdfunding campaign for film about the alleged recent apparition of our Lady in Apaliecida .5: US department of justice report faults Biden administration for anti-christian bias in its policies and actions. 6: More than 500,000 pilgrims have visited the shrine of Carlos Acutis in the past 6 months. 7: AI companions pose risk of isolation, psychosis, priest warns. 8: UK peers are 4 set to scrutinise assisted suicide laws amid growing opposition to the bill. 9: Pakistani catholic pilgrim killed after attack by muslim mob.

Priest Dues.

The Harvest Dues will be taken up at all masses this weekend, this collection goes towards the support of the priests of this diocese, if they are active or retired. There are 6 dues collections each year, the first is Shrove then Easter, Pentecost, Harvest, November and then Christmas. Thanks to those who contribute to each collection your support is much appreciated .

Catholic humour

