

RATHOWEN AND STREETE PARISHES

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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

Saturday 27th Sept: Margaret Denning M/M

Sunday 28th Sept : Christy & Annie Cox, son James, DFM
Ann Grimes 11th Anniv

Saturday 4th October: Seamus Owens M/M

Sunday 5th October : Patricia Moran.

OUR COMMON HOME

The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face, the idea is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul but also to discover God in all things. Saint Bonaventure teaches us that when we contemplate we deepen the sense of God working in our hearts, and the better we learn to encounter God in creatures outside ourselves. Saint John of the Cross taught that all the goodness in the realities and experiences of this world is present in God eminently and infinitely, or more properly, in each of these sublime realities is God.

WORLD HEADLINES

1: Experts claim priest kidnapping part of anti-christian 'genocide' in Nigeria, by Islamist militants. 2: Manila archbishop appeals for peace as church backs anti-corruption protest in the Philippines. 3: Barcelona's Sagrada Familia is ready to raise its highest tower to become Europe's tallest church. 4: Andorian Prince-bishop faces law that would see abortion decriminalized. 5: Mass attendance rise in Austria and 'exist fall' 6: Priest builds church with own hands in Chiclayo, Peru, Pope Leo's former diocese. 7: Abortion pill complications are under-reported new study finds. 8: Angola's catholic men urged to 'strengthen families' to be examples of integrity. 9: US bishops join advocates in their backing of the supreme courts bid to protect women's sport

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

A Triduum in honour of Saint Theres of Lisieux will take place in the Carmelite church Moate, from the 29th Sept to the 1st of Oct, her feast day. Sessions commence at 7.15pm each evening, the themes will be, 29th the little way, 30th Family life with Saint Theres, 1st Oct blessing of roses with relic.

HARVEST DUES.

The annual harvest Dues are taken up all mass this weekend, this is one of the 6 yearly collections which will go towards the support of the priests of the diocese, active and retired. The 6 collections are Shrove, Easter, Pentecost, Harvest, November and Christmas, a sincere thanks to all who have contributed;

Anniversary masses: Anyone wishing to arrange an Anniversary mass for 2026 can do so after mass or by calling Fr Pierre, all masses are shared except month's mind and first Anniversary.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Streete: 335
Rathowen 312

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A LITTLE THEOLOGY 'VANITY'

In the church's teaching, vanity is a form of pride, characterised by an excessive desire for external glory and the vain praise of others rather than focusing on God. It is considered a venial sin, but can but can become a mortal sin if it leads to consequences like severe scandal or financial ruin for the person. Vanity is overcome by real modesty, seeking God's glory through magnanimity and focusing on substantial things rather than the empty honours of the world. Vanity is an excessive and inordinate craving for recognition and admiration of others, it involves an excessive concern with how one appears and with one's achievements, and the esteem of others, which can easily become self-idolatry, the worship of one's self.

SAINTLY WISDOM 'CHARITY'

"Charity is the bond of brotherhood, the foundation of peace, the mainstay and security of unity, which is greater than both faith and hope, which excels both good works and martyrdom, which will abide with us always, eternal with God in the kingdom of heaven. Charity is the form, mover, mother and root of all the virtues, they who have charity are far from sin." (Saint Cyprian)

"True virtue has no limits, but goes on and on and especially holy charity, which is the virtue of virtues, and which, having an infinite object would become infinite if it could meet with a heart that could be capable of infinity" (Saint Robert Ballermaine)

JUBILEE OF HOPE.

As we head into the last few months of the jubilee of hope call by the late Pope Francis nearly 7,000,000 pilgrims have made the journey to Rome and pass through the Holy doors, most of us will not travel to the Eternal city none the less we can still be united in spirit. In this diocese we are invited to make a pilgrimage to one of three designated sites and seek the indulgences by crossing the holy door, the 3 locations are St Mel's cathedral, Longford, Poor Clare convent, Drumshambo and St Munchians shrine, Boher church Co Offaly, you can have a pilgrim cards stamped in each of the location.

CATHOLIC HUMOUR.



"It's the only way I can get people in on a Sunday!"