

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, RATHOWEN & ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BOHERQUILL

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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. Mary Sullivan.

WEEKENDMASSES29th/30th

29th: Oliver Reilly, 1st Anniv.
Joe, & Mary Keary. Mary Fox & Johnny Keary. DFM.
30th: No intention

WEEKEND MASSES 6th/7th.

Matt Fahy 8th Anniv. Frank & Patarica Smyth, Bridget McNamee.

WORLD HEADLINES

1: Pope to make international debut with tightrope act in Turkey and Lebanon. 2: 24 school girls abducted by Islamic terrorists from a catholic school in Nigeria have been released, says president. 3: Slovenians reject in referendum a law on assisted suicide for terminally ill patients. 4: Report: 1/3 of catholic clergy ordained in Britain 1992-2024 come from Anglicanism. 5: Prince Albert II blocks bill expanding abortion in defence of Monaco's catholic identity. 6: Belarus frees 2 imprisoned catholic priests after talks with Vatican. 7: Former Popemobile unveiled as mobile clinic for Gaza's children. 8: Ukraine asks the Vatican to formalise role in return of captive children. 9: First woman appointed as General Secretary of bishops conferences in Scotland.

SAINTLY WISDOM "ALMSGIVING"

"The bread that you store up belongs to the hungry; the cloak; the gold that you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor" (St Basil) " If you enter the church day and night and implore God to hear our prayers, how careful we should be to hear and grant the petitions of our dear neighbours in need" (St Francis of Assisi) " It would be considered theft on our behalf if we didn't give to someone in greater need than we are" (Saint John of the Cross)

CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLE LIGHT.

Monday the 22nd of December a carol service lead by the parishes choir and the children of Lismacraffey and Rathowen NS will take place in St Mary's church, Rathowen, the rush and haste of the last few days give way to the quietness and reflection as we recount to meaning and mystery of the Christmas event. The service begins at 7.30pm, and will be followed by festive fare in the grounds of the church all welcome, especially those who have moved into the area.

REST IN PEACE.

The prayers of the church are asked for the repose of the soul of Helen Kelly, Milkernagh whose funeral took place during the week in Boherquill. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

RATHOWEN N.S. CHRISTMAS FAIR

The pupils and staff invite you all to their annual school Fair and carol service on Friday December 12th from 11am -2pm. On the day there will be wreath making, christmas baking, Maguire hair & beauty demonstration, hand made festive decorations. A special invitation goes out all past pupils and Grandparents as well all incoming pupils and their family. So why not join us on the 12th for some fun and festive treats.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION OCT 22ND/23RD

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A LITTLE THEOLOGY 'LIMBO'

Catholic teaching on Limbo has evolved significantly, with the church now largely moving away from the concept, especially for unbaptized babies. Historically, Limbo was a theological concept for two main groups: the 'limbo of the fathers', a temporary state for the righteous who died before Christ's redemption, and the 'limbo of the infants', for babies who died without baptism, who were taught to have natural happiness but not the beatific vision. In recent decades the church has emphasised God's mercy, implying these children are saved, and the official position has shifted to appoint where it is now more accurate to say the church no longer holds to the doctrine of limbo. The term 'limbo' is now largely seen as a concept of the past within the catholic church, especially concerning unbaptized children. We should hope for salvation for these infants based on God's mercy, and we should not focus on what happens to them in a hypothetical state.

LIGHTING UP CEREMONY.

All roads lead to Rathowen on Saturday 6th December for the switching on of the Christmas lights, festivities begin at 4pm until 5.30pm, meeting in Connaughtons car park, with parking beside the playground. One lucky child will have their name picked from a hat to turn on the lights, names will be taken on the day. Hosted by Rathowen Community Development. All are welcome on the day

ADVENT FACTS.

A: Advent comes from the Latin word for 'arrival' B: The first Sunday of Advent is called Hope Sunday. C: In the west Advent has four Sundays, in the eastern Orthodox church there can be up to 7 Sundays in Advent. D: The earliest date for advent to start is Nov 27th and the latest is December 3rd. E: In the past fasting similar to Lenten fasting was observed. F: The now secular Advent calendars had their origins in the German protestant churches where each day a bible verse was read for a prayer card, one for each day of Advent.

COMBONI MISSION APPEAL.

Fr Manuel of the Comboni missionary society wrote to express his sincere thanks and gratitude for the kind welcome he received while he was with us, and for the generous gift of 935 Euros contributed by Streete/Rathowen, and he assures us of his prayers and seeks our prayers for the Comboni community and those they minister too...

CATHOLIC HUMOUR

