

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH, RATHOWEN

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## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday

Boherquill 8pm (vigil of Epiphany)

Tuesday

Rathowen 10 am ( Feast of Ephiany)

Wednesday

Rathowen – 9.30am

Thursday

Rathowen – 9.00am. Adoration 10-10.30am

Boherquill – 8pm. Adoration 7 – 8pm.

## WEEKEND MASSES Jan 3rd/4th

Sat 3rd Jan: Vincent & Peggy Daly, daughter Adrienne Kerigan, Jack & Mary Daly, Denise Barden. Helen Kelly M/M

Sun 4th: No intention

## WEEKEND MASSES Jan 10th/11th

Sat 10th: Mai Gaynor

Sun 11th: Michael Kelly, DFM. Dan Duck.



## WORLD HEADLINES

1: "Resist Herods" Milina archbishop tells Filipinos amid corruption scandal. 2: Thousands flock to Bethlehem to revive the Christmas spirit after 2 year war in Gaza. 3: White House rebuffs catholic bishops appeal for a Christmas pause in immigration enforcement. 4: Arrests made following Christmas harassment incident at catholic school in India. 5: How christian artists are winning over listeners, entering pop's mainstream. 6: Visiting the Trevi fountain now will cost more than a coin toss with a 2-euro tourist fee 7: Should catholics use AI to re-create deceased loved ones? Experts weigh in. 8: Amid security concerns, Vatican sister meets Bangladesh religious. 9: Christmas recital in Lebanon aims for Guinness world record entry. 10: Catholic foundation supporting marriage, denounces withdrawal of EU funding due to ideological bias.

## CATHOLIC NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

1. Begin your day with the 'morning offering'
2. Meatless Fridays
3. Daily or weekly rosary.
4. Give one hour a week to charitable work.
5. Go on a pilgrimage.
6. Read or pray with the bible.
7. Commit to fasting one day a month, for special intention

## SOME THEOLOGY 'BODY & SOUL'

The catholic church affirms that humans are a single unit of body & soul, not separate parts the soul is the spiritual principle animating the physical body, making one living undivided person, with the body and soul intrinsically linked, both destined for salvation. While 'spirit' often refers to the soul's highest faculties (intellect/will) or its orientation to God. The soul needs the body (senses and imagination) to learn, and the body is dignified because it is animated by a spiritual soul, both destined for eternal life in the resurrection of the person, body and soul.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR COLLECTION 27TH/28TH DEC

Straw 1/5 Thank  
Rathowen 178 You.

OFF: Any envelopes are available for 2026, are now ready for collection in both churches, if you would like to receive a box please contact any pastoral council member. Thank you to all who continue to support the mission of the parish

## NEW YEARS REFLECTION.

As the old year ends and a new one begins, take time. Time to remember the struggles you faced, and mistakes you might have made, and maybe even loved ones you lost.

In every year you experience heartache, this one was no different, and in remembering, find a seed of hope hidden in yesterday. Remember how you have been blessed. Relived when you found unexpected strength, recall where you saw God's great spirit at work. And know his mercy kept you going all this time. Recognize his mercy. Ask for peace. The peace that pours out every moment of every day from the wounds of Christ. Prepare us lord for a New year, lift us up and place in our hearts a desire to know you and love you, so that the new year may fill us with joy, hope and peace.

## SAINTLY WISDOM 'FINDING FAULT'

"We are too fond of flinging our own faults behind our backs, so that we may fix all our attention on the foibles & failings of others. Let us look at our own shortcomings and leave other peoples alone for those who live carefully ordered lives are apt to be shocked at everything, and we might well learn very important lessons from people who shock us." ( Saint Theresa of Avila)

" Nothing would be done at all, if a man waited until, he could do it so well that no one could find fault with it" (John Henry Newman)

## DATES FOR THE DIARY 2026.

Ash Wednesday: February 18th.

Easter Sunday: April 5th.

Confirmation : March 25th

Blessing of graves: Russagh

and Rathaspic: 13th June

Streete/boherquill/Colamber

27th June.

RIP: The prayers of the church are asked for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Ryan, Clonmore who died recently. May she rest in peace.

