

# 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, Thomas O Sullivan, Anniv.

Boherquill – 8pm. Adoration 7 – 8pm.

## SAINTLY WISDOM 'SACRED IMAGES'

Even if I make images of pious men,, it is not so than we might adore them as gods, but that when we see them, we might be prompted to imitate them; and if we make the image of Christ, it is so that our minds might soar aloft in yearning for him. In former times God, who is without form or body, could never be depicted, but now that God has been seen in the flesh conversing with men, I make an image of the God whom I see. I do not worship matter, I worship the creator of matter, who became matter for my sake, and abided in matter.".. ( Saint Cyril of Alexandria)

## WORLD HEAD LINES.

:Gaza's living conditions worsen as strong winds and bitter cold kills 5. 2: Pope Leo meets the Venezuelan opposition leader Moria Corina Machado in a surprise visit to Vatican. 3: Catholic diocese in Cameroon frees 29 prison inmates by paying their bail, since they could not afford it. 4: Indian nun who accused bishop of rape vows supreme court fight. 5: 1st catholic school in Finland: The dream of Helsinki's only catholic bishop. 6: Malinia's feast of the black Nazarene draws 9.6 million catholic pilgrims to the city. 7: 'Back on air' Bishop Fulton Sheen's Beatification to be announced. 8: Over 5,000 youth's to make pilgrimage to Christ the king shrine in Mexico. 9: Greece's Epiphany events marking Christ baptism highlights concerns about water security in the dry nation...

## WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY.

From Sunday 18th of Jan to Sunday 25th of Jan all christian churches on the island of Ireland pray, study and gather together to reflect on a central call of the Gospel "I pray that they may all be one and I am with you and you are with me," The disunity of the followers of Christ is a wound in need of healing as pope John Paul II referred to it. In the next 8 days may we make a special effort to pray for that unity called for by Christ, and where we can put the call in a concrete action.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION 10TH/11TH JAN

Rathowen 357

THANK

Streete 350

YOU

## WEEKEND MASSES 17th/18th

Sat 17th: Michael & Elizabeth Fagan, Fagan & Gorman DFM.

Sun 18th: Paddy Tighe, school lane,DFM. Mai & Tommy Green

## WEEKEND MASSES 24th/25th

Sat 24th: Alice Donohoe 1st anniv.

Sun 25th: Patrick O Neill 1st Anniv. Bernadette Moran.

## MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE.

The annual pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from the Oc 14th to 21st, with flights from Knock airport arriving in Mostar, F Jomon & Fr PJ Huges will be spiritual directors on the pilgrimage. Cost of trip which includes flights, accommodation, breakfast and dinner, transfers and taxes is 865 Euro pp sharing if booked by the 30th of Jan and 915 after the 30th. For more information or reserve a place contact Jerry Nally on 087-4309096.

## CATHOLIC THEOLOGY PRAYER

The church believes and teaches that prayer is a dialogue, a raising of the heart and mind to God, and a vital relationship with him, initiated by God's grace, requiring both listening & speaking. It involves the whole person in a covenant with the Holy Trinity, expressed through formal prayer like the rosary scripture, and personal supplication, always seeking God's will and developing a deeper connection, even seeing it as a real spiritual battle requiring effort and perseverance. Prayer is approaching God as a loving father, not a vending machine, it's about relationship and not just requesting things we need or want. Prayer is dialogue ( dia meaning 2 and logos meaning word), involving God speaking to us through scripture, desire quite, and we responding in word's thoughts and actions,.....

## THE WAY.

The Way is a new communication initiative of the Irish Bishop conferences, the new platform is designed to help people discover, live and pass on the catholic faith. The new channel will contain high quality interviews, podcasts, field reports and faith resources there are a number of ways you can connect with 'theway' in the following way, [facebook.com/@theway.ie](https://facebook.com/@theway.ie), [instagram.com/theway](https://instagram.com/theway), [youtube.com/theway](https://www.youtube.com/theway).

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

A marriage enrichment weekend will take place on the weekend of 20th/22nd of March at St Mary's retreat center Knock, Co Mayo, described as a 'weekend of discovery, in a lifetime of love' It seeks to offer married couples a new and enriching vision of their marriage through the experiences of marriage encounter. If you are interested in taking part in the weekend see of are looking for more information go to [www.marriageencounter.ie/0872162430](http://www.marriageencounter.ie/0872162430)

## Sunday missals 2026

The Sunday missal for all readers are available for collection

In both churches, anyone else wishing to acquire one can ask

Pastoral council member.