

# 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

Boherquill – 8pm. Adoration 7 – 8pm.

## WEEKEND MASSES JAN 24TH/25TH

Sat 24th: Alice Donohoe 1st Anniv

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

WEEKEND MASSES 31st/1st Feb.

Sat 31st: No intention

Sun 1st: James Kelly. + Jack, Rose Gilchrist, daughters  
Rosemary, & baby Teresa.

## WORLD HEADLINES

A: Venezuelan interior minister blasts bishop urging release of political prisoners. B: Gunmen abduct 150 worshippers in 3 churches in Nigeria. C: Bishop Varden: Saint Joseph is the patron saint of selflessness. D: 3 US cardinals urge Trump administration to embrace a moral compass in foreign policy. E: Thousands gather at major Bangladesh marian shrine where villagers were saved in 1971 during the civil war. F: Pope Leo receives lambs on the feast of St Agnes to be blessed for their wool. G: Swiss comedy writer claims that human skeletons of men and women are not the same- is sent to jail. G: Germany: 1 in 7 muslims open to becoming christian; 1 in 4 catholics will leave the church. H: Haunted without God: Why secular Americans still believe something lingers after death.

## MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

The annual pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from the 14th/22nd October, with flights departing from Knock airport, arriving in Mostar. Cost of pilgrimage which will include flights, accommodation, breakfast and dinner tax and all transfers is 865 pp sharing if booked by January 30th and 915 after the 30th. Spiritual directors on the trip will be Frs PF Hughes and Jomon. For more information you can contact Jerry Nally on 087-4309096.

## A LITTLE THEOLOGY 'INTERNATIONAL LAW'

Catholic teaching views international law as vital for the common good, emphasising human dignity, justice, peace and solidarity, drawing from natural law principles to guide states and foster global order beyond mere state interest. The common good is a central plank of the churches teaching on international law, teaching that states must act for the welfare of all peoples not just in narrow national interests or demands. Respect for the dignity and rights of all peoples the weak as well as the powerful must be at the heart of international relations, and rooted in universal values. Catholic teaching always emphasises the interconnectedness of all of humanity and the need to serve the poor and vulnerable, 'right not might'.

## SUNDAY MISSAL 2026

The Sunday missal for all readers are now available for all who read as the weekend masses in Rathowen and Boherquill, you can collect them in the sacristy before or after mass, if anyone who like to become a reader in either church let any pastoral council member know, of Fr Pierre you will be very welcome. Offertory collection. Rathowen 456. Streete 250.

## SAINTLY WISDOM 'THE PASSIONS'

"Anger, fear, cowardice, arrogances, pleasure, grief, hatred, spite, heartless cruelty, jealousy, flattery, bearing grudges and resentment, and all the other hostile drives within us: There is you array of the masters and tyrants that try to enslave the soul, to be their prisoner of war, and bring it under their control. For each of our impulses, when it takes control, they become the master and we the slave, like a tyrant it seizes the citadel of the soul, and by means of its underlings plays havoc with its subject, using our own thoughts as the servant of its own good pleasure. A man who governs his passions is master of the whole world (Saint Gregory of Nyssa).....

## THEWAY MEDIA.

TheWay is a new communication initiative ran by the Irish Bishop conferences, the new platform is designed to help people discover and pass on the catholic faith. The new channel will contain an array of high quality interviews, podcasts, field reports as well as a large library of faith resources, which are suitable for home school as well as parish formation. There are a number of ways you can connect with 'TheWay' [facebook.com/@theway](https://www.facebook.com/theway), [instagram.com/theway](https://www.instagram.com/theway) as well as [x.com/theway](https://www.theway.com). Why not take a look this coming week.

## DAY OF PRAYER FOR ABUSE SURVIVORS

Each year on the first Friday in Lent the church in Ireland is called to remember in a particular way all those who are the survivors of abuse, to remember their hurt and pain, to work towards healing of their wounds and to commit ourselves to never allowing such sins & crimes happen again. This year we mark the day of prayer on Friday 20th Feb, pause a moment and offer a prayer of healing and commitment. A will burn on this day in churches a symbol of hope.

## NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS.

We welcome on to the parish council 2 new members Pauline Hara, and Eamon Duigan, we look forward to working with them to grow, strengthen & encourage the faith of the parish in the year to come. At present the council is taking part in a diocesan wide planning for the introduction of, catechists, pastoral workers and other forms of lay leadership in parishes.

