

SUNDAY, - 10 AM MASS

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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.



**SAINTLY WISDOM 'LOVE'**

Love alone distinguishes between the children of God and the children of the Devil. They may sign themselves with the sign of the cross of Christ; they may all respond amen to prayers and sing alleluia; they may all be baptised, and come to church, and even build the church themselves. But we can discern the children of God from the children of the Devil by love alone. Those who have love are born of God; those who have no love are not born of God. Possess whatever you want, but if you are lacking this one thing, the rest will be of no value to you. (St Augustine of Hippo)

**THEOLOGY OF LENT.**

Lent is the 40 -day liturgical season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, running from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday, to be observed by Christians in preparation for the Easter mysteries. It mirrors Jesus' 40 days in the desert, focusing on repentance, spiritual discipline and a deeper conversion, key requirements include fasting and abstinence. The 3 pillars of Lent are a more intense focus on prayer through scripture, reflection & seeking the Lord. Fasting and practising self-denial teaches us to be more detached from world pleasure and so grow closer to God & almsgiving. We share both our resources, gifts and time so that those in need may improve their lot.

**THEWAY**

theway is a new communication initiative of the Irish bishops' conferences, the new platform is designed to help people find the resources to deepen their faith, discover live and pass on the Catholic faith. The new channel will contain high quality interviews, podcasts, field reports and faith resources easily searched and adapted. Access to theway can be either through [facebook.com@theway.ie](https://facebook.com@theway.ie), or [instagram.com/theway](https://instagram.com/theway) or via [www.therway.com](https://www.therway.com). Why not take a few minutes and have a look.

**MORNING MASS FOR LENT.**

Wednesday week Feb the 18th is Ash Wednesday, marking the start of the 40 days of Lent, among the many different rituals and practices that accompany the Lenten season, the early morning mass is a long established act of penances and piety. In keeping with the tradition, mass will be offered at 7.30am on Tuesdays in Boherquill, & the following week in Rathowen on Wednesday at 7.30am. This will continue for the weeks of Lent, the usual 9.30am mass will continue as normal. Every day

**SUNDAY MISSALS.**

Sunday Missals for readers are still available for collection in both churches, if you haven't yet got your copy please call after mass. A few copies are available for members of parish.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION 13ST/1ST**

Rathowen 399 Streete 190 Thank you.

SATURDAY, - 8PM MASS

WEEKEND MASSES 7th/8th

7th Feb: No intention

8th Feb: Rosie Maguire, 1st Anniv

WEEKEND Masses 14th/15th

14th Feb: Michael Rainsford.

15th Feb: Mary Lambden, DFM.

Dardis family, Deirdre McCarle

**WORLD HEADLINES**

1: Hundreds of thousands register to venerate the relics of Saint Francis of Assisi later this year. 2: 'The answer to suffering is not to offer death' cardinal says of assisted suicide bill in Italy. 3: Pope Leo faces crisis as a traditionalist group plans bishop consecrations without papal approval. 4: National council of churches in India to approach Supreme Court to challenge anti-conversion laws as both anti-Christian and anti-human rights. 5: Michaelangelo's 'The last judgement' fresco undergoes 3 month cleaning at Sistine Chapel. 6: Coffee, cream and socks-meet the Catholic companies hiring people with disabilities. 7: Eastern European leaders tackle stark demographic collapse after Pope's family warning. 8: New York Jury awards 2 million dollars to teen girl who formerly identified as male in malpractice case.

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE.**

The annual pilgrimage to the Marian shrine of Medjugorje will take place from the 14th to the 21st of October, with flights departing from Knock Airport and landing in Mostar. Cost of the pilgrimage is 915 Euros PP sharing which includes flights, breakfast and dinner, hotel accommodation, taxes and transfers. Fr PJ Huges and Fr Jomom will act as spiritual directors for the duration of the pilgrimage. If you would like some more information or wish to book a place, please call Jerry Nally on 087-4309098.....

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND**

A marriage enrichment weekend will take place on the weekend of the 20th/22nd March at St Mary's retreat center Knock Co Mayo. Described as a weekend of discovery, in a life time 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 or just want some more information go to [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or call 0872164436

