

St. Mary's Church, Rathowen

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday:

3.00PM (St Patrick's Day)

Tuesday,

Rathowen – 10.00 am

Wednesday,

Rathowen 7.30am + 9.30am

Thursday,

Rathowen – 9.30am. Adoration 10-10.30am

Friday,

Boherquill – 8pm. Adoration 7 – 8pm.

WEEKEND MASSES 14th/15th

14th: No Intention

15th: John & Margaret Nally DFM.

**Martin & Phyllis Lacey & Lacey, Kelly,
Connaughton Families.**

WEEKEND MASSES 21st/22nd

20th: Mulligan family, Freighmeen

21st: No intention

22nd: Patrick Kelly



Mass Intentions for the Week

WORLD HEADLINES

1: Christian families flee southern Lebanon, due to attacks from Israel. 2: 10,000 Austrian students petition to end mandatory fees funding abortion. 3: Church gives warm welcome to Nepal election landslide as new party sweeps away old guard. 4: During lent, a bishop invites people to practice 'spiritual intelligences' 5: Vatican promoting dialogue on Cuba, cardinal Parolin says. 6: Asian Catholics begin spiritual, logistical preparation for World Youth Day Seoul 2027. 7: Egypt blasphemy laws back in focus after boycott call targets christian owned shops. 8: U.S. vice-president JD Vance says he could have spoken more carefully about U.S. bishops amid immigration dispute. 9: Vatican to host conference on molecular biology and regenerative medicines 10: International student to enter the church this Easter thanks to Facebook Marketplace.

ST PATRICKS BREADPLATE

I arise today, through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity. Through belief in the threeness, through confession of the oneness of the creator of creation.

I arise today through the strength of Christ's birth, with his baptism through the strength of his crucifixion. With his burial, through the strength of his resurrection, with his ascension. Through the strength of his descent for the judgement of doom.

I arise today through the strength of heaven, the light of the sun, the radiance of moon, the splendor of fire. The splendor of fire, the speed of lightning, the swiftness of wind, the depth of the sea the stability of the earth, firmness of rock.

7.30AM LENTEN MASS

The Lenten 7.30am Wednesday mass will be offered this Wednesday in Rathowen, and the following week for the last time it will be offered in Boherquill.

Confirmation: Please continue to keep the 17 boys and girls preparing to receive the DSacrament of Confirmation on the 25th of March, in St Mary's Rathowen.

A LITTLE THEOLOGY 'UNANSWERED PRAYERS'

In catholic teaching it is understood that all prayers are heard by God, but not always answered in the way or time we desire. Unanswered prayers are often God's no or not yet, acting as a protection or preparation, with the ultimate goal of our personal salvation. These moments call for trust in divine providence, persistence in prayer and uniting one's suffering with Christ. God may refuse a request because it is not actually beneficial for the petitioner's salvation. Such experiences are designed to test patiences, increase trust in God's mercy, and purify the soul. God may offer something better than was originally asked for. According to St Augustine, prayer may go answered if they are for "bad things" (harmful to the soul) or asked badly, (without faith, humility or perseverance) What would happen if each and every prayer was answered?

SAINTLY WISDOM 'HEAVEN'

" Those who are put in charge of others should no prouder of their officer than if they had been appointed to wash the feet of their comrades. They should be no more upset at the loss of that authority than they would be if they were deprived of the task of washing feet. The more they are upset, the greater the risk they incur to their souls. They who had undertaken the governing of souls must prepare to render to God on account of them, wear your authority lightly. (St Francis of Assisi)

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Holy week, the high point of the churches year begins on Palm Sunday, with the proclamation of the passion of Jesus and during the proceeding days we enter into the days of Holy Thursday, the last supper (institution of the mass) Good Friday, the moment of suffering and death, and Easter Saturday Vigil life has overcome
Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lords Supper, Rathowen 8pm
Good Friday: The Lords Passion: Boherquill 3pm
Easter Saturday: Easter Vigil : Rathowen 8.30pm.
Easter Sunday: Boherquill 10am

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Rathowen 362 Streete 280