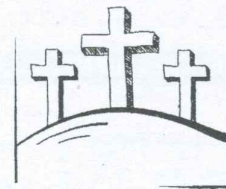


ST. MARY'S CHURCH, RATHOWEN

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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 28th/29th

Saturday 28th: No Intention

Sunday 29th: No intention

WEEKEND MASSES 4th/5th

Easter Saturday:

Easter Sunday

EASTER CEREMONIES TIMES AND LOCATION

Holy Thursday, Boherquill 8pm:

Today marks the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood, we celebrate the mass and the call of all christians to a life of service and worship.

Good Friday: Rathowen 3pm, The focus of the church is on the redemptive action of Jesus's passion and death.

Easter Saturday: Rathowen 8.30pm. Christians all over the world enter into the mystery of Christ resurrection.

WORLD HEADLINES

A: March for life attacked in Lisbon attacked with an explosive device, planted by Hard-Left supporters. B: French court upholds banning of religious symbols in municipal council. C: Pope moves Boys town founder Father Flanagan closer to the possible sainthood. D: Catholic church notes problems caused by polygamy in Africa. E: Belgian bishop announces his plans to ordain married men as priests. F: Bangladesh bishops decline government 'stipend' for catholic priests. G: Church in Bolivia celebrates educational reform as new center-right government replaces socialist party. H: Belgian radio station apologies after smashing statues of Jesus and Mary. I: French nun a hit with opera elite.....

EASTER EGG HUNT.

On Easter Sunday morning, after the 10am mass there will be an Egg hunt, organised by the Pastoral Council, it will take place in the grounds of the church and parochial house A golden egg will be hidden which will allow the finder to receive a mystery prize. There is no age restriction on the day.

THANK YOU to Seamus Denning for cutting the palm for this year's palm Sunday, it's greatly appreciated.

REST IN PEACE:

The prayers of the church are asked for the repose of the soul Domonic Egan, Kilmore who was laid to rest during the week. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the 19th boys and girls who received the sacrament of confirmation last Wednesday, we hope and pray their reception of the sacrament will be a step along the journey of faith,,in which they will discover in a fuller sense the call to holiness through prayer and survive to the church and the wider community and beyond. Please continue to pray for them.

SAINTLY WISDOM 'SUFFERING'

"I would like to make everyone understand the great grace that God, in his mercy, bestows when he sends suffering, especially suffering devoid of consolation. Thus indeed the soul is purified like gold in a furnace; without knowing it, it becomes radiant & is set free to take flight to its good (Paul of the Cross) "God allows us sometimes to be in such profound darkness, that not a single star shines in our skies. The reason is that we must be reminded that we are on earth only to suffer, while following our gentle saviour along a dark & thorny path" (Saint Anthony)

A LITTLE THEOLOGY 'CHRIST'S DEATH'

Catholic teaching hold that Jesus' death was a voluntary sacrifice a redemptive act of love, planned by God to atone for humanity's sin and reconcile humanity with the father. As both God and man, Jesus suffers true physical death, conquering death and so opening the gates of heaven. Jesus the sinless lamb of God, took on the punishment for human sin, acting as the ultimate sacrifice. His obedience on the cross repaired the damage caused by Adam disobediences. Christ's death cannot be understood alone, but as part of the paschal mystery: his passion, death, resurrection, and his ascension. It was the necessary precursor to the victory of the resurrection. Because of the Hypostatic union (union of human & devine natures) Jesus; human body and soul separated at death however his divinity remained united to both his body in the tomb and his soul in hade,(place of the dead/ under world).

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE.

The annual pilgrimage to Medjugorje thales place this year from the 14th/21st of October, departing from Knock Airport and landing in Mostar. The cost which includes, flights, accomadation Breakfast and dinner, taxes and transfers is 915 euros PP Sharing Fr PJ Huges and Fr Jorom will act as spiritual directors. To book a place or find more information, contact Jerry on 087-4309098. CONFESSIONS: Confessions will held this monday in Boherquill at 7pm and Rathowen at 7pm.

