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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.

SUNDAY MASSES 4th/5th

Easter Vigil.....

Easter Sunday.....

SUNDAY MASSES 11th/12th

Saturday 11th:Lilly and Jack Carty

Josephine & Tommy Reilly, DFM Lisryan

Sunday 12th: No intention.

A LITTLE THEOLOGY 'THE RESURRECTION'

Easter is the most important feast in the life of the church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and his victory over death. It follows the 40 days of lent when we prepared our mind and souls for the great event, it begins within the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday night and continues with joyful masses Easter Sunday morning featuring white vestments, the return of the alleluia and the rite of baptism for catechumens. The Easter vigil is known as the mother of all vigils, this mass held Easter Saturday features the service of light, (the easter fire and paschal candle) reading of salvation history and renewal of baptism promises. The easter season continues for 50 days and comes to an end on Pentecost Sunday.

NEWS HEADLINES

1:Pope Leo urges an Easter end to US-Israel; war on Iran calling for dialogue. 2: JD Vance has a new book about his religious faith 'communion' coming out later this year. 3: In wrangling dark matter, some scientists find inspiration in religion. 4:In Holy EWeek, men carry towers of bird cages through Mexico city. 5: Cardinal refused entry to church of the Holy Sepulcher in the city of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. 6 Pope Leo visits Monaco to urge its people to use their faith and wealth for good. 7:Luxembourg Cardinal Holleien says that 'woman's ordination essential to churches future. 7:'Thirst of the soul' is awakening a new generation of catechumens in France, priest says. 8:Photo shows Lebanon catholics marking Palm Sunday, as shadow of war weighs heavily.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS.

On Holy Thursday the parish was blessed to welcome two new Eucharistic ministers,both of who were commissioned at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, they are Frankie Smith & Eoghan Nally, we thank them for their generous service to the church and we look forward to their many years of involvement as young men in their parish.

A WORD OF THANKS.

As we celebrate these Easter days in which we have entered into the mystery of our christian faith I wish to offer a word of thanks to all those who in many different ways worked to prepare the various ceremonies, the pastoral council, Altar societies, cleaners, readers, eucharistic ministers, servers, Choir, sacratians, those who arranged the rotas, thank you for your continued support and loyalty, may the good lord reward you all, today and always.

Offertory collection: Streete 300 Rathowen 221

SAINTLY WISDOM 'RESURRECTION'

“ Just as seed, existing formlessly in the beginning, is shaped into a design and increases in bulk, prepared as it is the skill of God which is indescribable, so too it is not at all absurd but is consistent that the material enclosed in the tombs and which once possessed of shape should be restored anew to its ancient structure, and thus become man again in the same way that man original;y took birth from dust” (Gregory of Nyssa)
“The boidies of the saints will therefore rise again free from every defect, from every deformity, and from every corruption, encumbrances, or hindrances. In this way their freedom of action will be as complete as their happiness.” (St Raymond)

EASTER TRADITIONS.

Throughout the christian world Easter is marked not only by prayer and masses in churches, but also in the homes and streets of believers, they all express in one way or another a joy and hope of eternal life. In Italy, Easter Monday is marked by the cooking of a giant egg dish in the streets and shared by all the neighbours, while in Poland, baskets of bread,meat, cake as well as eggs are brought to the church to be blessed and then eaten Easter Sunday morning. Hungary and other eastern European countries have 'wet Monday' where people playfully splash water on each other as a reminder of their baptism. Bermuda has a tradition of flying kites to symbolise Christ's resurrection and return to the father, while the Philippines has a dawn procession to symbolize Jesus meeting Mary on the first Easter morning.

EASTER EGG HUNT: To mark the resurrection of Jesus, and the end of Lent an Easter egg hunt will take place after the 10am mass in Boherquill, a golden egg is hidden in the ground, which will entitle the finder to a special treat all ages are welcome

