

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 2ND/3RD

Sat 2nd: No intention

Sun 3rd: No intention

WEEKEND MASSES 9TH/10TH

Sat 9th: Dominic Egan M/M

Mary & John Blessington.

Sun 10th: Anna & Bernard O Connor,
Sons Brian, Patrick daughter
Mary Lambden.

Billy, Eillen, Mary, Patrick O Neill

Fifth Sunday of



MONTH OF MARY.

Now that May has come the minds of christians are directed to Mary, the mother of Jesus who has always been honoured in a particular way at this time, both in prayer and pious practices. One of the lovest traditions that still persists is the 'may bush' decked out either an array of flowers, or more commonly hung with strips of colourful cloth, while in many home the may altar takes a place of prominence. Why not make a plan to honour Mary with a may bush of a may altar, and promise to say a rosary with or for your family and parish family.

SAINTLY WISDOM 'MARY'

“ As sailors are guided to port by a star, so to are, so to christians are guided to heaven by Mary”-St Therese.

“ I greet you, holy queen , holy Mary, mother of God, virgin who became the church, chosen by the most holy father of heaven; consecrated to holiness through his most holy and beloved son and the holy spirit, the comforter. In you was and is the whole fullness of grace and everything that is good.” Sr Francis of Assisi.

“Only after the last judgement will Mary get any rest, until then n she is too busy looking after her children” (Saint John Vianney)

PLACES OF PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage:from the Latin meaning' traveler from aboard' conveying the idea of movement from one place to another or more importantly, from the every day to the extra- ordinary, from the temporal to the divine. Pilgrimage has always been a central element of celtic Christianity, Lough Derg, Croagh Parrick, the local holy well or the mass rock. In 2026 those same sites call men and women to step outside the ordinary, go deeper, visit loughderg.ie, for information on this year's pilgrim season, or make your on pilgrim plan that will allow you to rediscover the presences of God.

REST IN PEACE:The prayers of the church are asked for the repose of the soul of Gerard Greene, Manchester and formerly of Corrydonlon, Rathowen, who died Tue 22nd April. May his soul rest in peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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A LITTLE THEOLOGY 'FORGIVENESS'

Catholic teaching holds that forgiveness is essential for salvation, reflecting God's mercy and the commandment to love, forgiving requires voluntary, often costly efforts to let go of resentment and desire for revenge,, modeled on Christ's sacrifices, while God unconditionally offers forgiveness through repentances most especially in confession, human forgiveness of others is required to be worthy of it. In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus directly links the forgiveness we receive from God with our willingness to say to the other that 'I forgive you'. What is forgiveness? It is real & conscious choice to overcome feelings of anger and vengeance, wishing for the offender's good, which may include prayer for the needs of the person. Forgiveness is not the excusing of the sin or ignoring injury, or always restoring trust or removing any boundaries. True forgiveness is what you do, reconciliation will require mutual restoration of a relationship.

CATHOLIC HEADLINES

A:Holy land risks becoming a 'Disney land' devoid of any real christian presences. B: Pope Leo acknowledges complicate union with Anglicans during meeting with arch bishop of canterbury. C: AI; our greatest ally or our most formidable challenges. D: When teaching the faith becomes a crime in Iceland. E: Christ is not a guru or a good luck charm pope says at mass in Angola. F: 'You can't have saints without scholars' says catholic educator. G:Pope Francis vehicle of hope denied permission to enter Gaza by Israeli forces. H: Ideological groups promoting 'ill-informed'and false campaign against catholic schools. I: Cameroon bishop says pope Leo's visit could be a turning point for war- ravaged country.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We ask you to keep in your prayers the 7 children who will make their Holy Communion on Sunday 31st of May in Boherquill at 10am, they come from both parishes. For this weekend the vigil mass will be in Rathowen at 8pm and Sunday mass in Boherquill at 10am (First communion takes place during the Sunday mass)

