

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH, RATHOWEN & ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BOHERQUILL

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## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday

Boherquill – 9.30 am

Wednesday

Rathowen – 9.30am

Thursday

Rathowen – 9.30am. Adoration 10-10.30am

Friday, Tom & Annie Devaney

Boherquill – 8pm. Adoration 7 – 8pm.



## SUNDAY MASSES 16th/17th

Sat 16th: No intention

Sun 17th: No intention

## SUNDAY MASSES 23rd/24th

Sat 23rd: No intention

Sun 24th: Maura & Michael Cox, DFM.

Dan & Marcella Broughan.

Beernie Tighe & DFM.

## CATHOLIC HEADLINES

1-Pope Leo says there are more important things than sexuality, but that won't stop the conversation. 2-UK Liberal Democrats admit unlawful discrimination against christian candidate who says he faced 'Mao-style, interrogation. 3-Vatican issues final warning to breakaway traditionalist society of saint Pius-as they prepare to consecrate 4 bishops without Papal approval. 4-Catholic archbishop calls for calm after 3 Baptist ministers killed in northern India. 5-Aliens are the image of God-The truth is out there. 6-Bishops in Africa call for an end to xenophobia in South Africa. 7- In Wales the resurgence of Catholicism in the 'most secularised country in the world. 8- President of Costa Rica entrusts her term in office to our lady of the Angles. 9-Christians and muslims must work together to 'revive' humanity.

### THE ASCENSION.

The feast of the Ascension is celebrated 40 days after the resurrection, and always falls on a Thursday, as it has this past week, celebration is held on the following Sunday. We recall the return of the son to the right hand of the father, this marks the end of the earthly mission of Jesus, the opening of heaven to humanity, inauguration of his reign. Jesus did not simply disappear, his risen body entered the heavenly realm, thus transcending time and space to be present in a new way. The Ascension was necessary for Jesus to send the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) to guide the church, the body of Christ present in the world

### MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

The annual pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place this year from the 14th/21st October, departing from Knock arriving in Mostar airport, costing 915 euros. This includes flights, accommodation, breakfast, dinner taxes and transfers. Spiritual directors will be Fr Jorom and Fr PJ Hugues. To reserve a place or seek more info, call Jerry on 087-4309096.

### SOLVE THE RIDDLE.

It had many locks, that don't need a key. It was far too many to count. It was never to be shortened, for a vow had been said. It was a symbol of strength that flows from the bread. But in a moment of weakness its secret was out, it lays all in pieces when she gave a shout.

What is it?

(Answer next week.)

## A LITTLE THEOLOGY 'SECOND COMING'

Catholic teaching holds that Jesus Christ will return in his glory at the end of time to judge the living and the dead, also to establish the final triumph of God's kingdom. This event will be sudden, unexpected and mark the resurrection of the bodies of the dead, the final judgement and the renewal of the universe into a new heaven and a new earth. The dead will rise, and all humanity will be judged by the law of love by Jesus Christ according to the deeds we did in the body, good and bad. This concluded the salvation history, separating the saved from the damned. It will be the final, total victory over sin, suffering, and satan, fulfilling the work initiated on the cross. The church rejects the notion of a 'rapture, (a secret snatching away of believers) common among some protestant traditions, nor does the church hold to the 'premillennialism' ( a 1000 year earthly reign by Christ) before the final judgement. Hope and not fear is the manner in which we anticipate the second coming of Jesus.

### SAINTLY WISDOM 'ENVY'

Whenever you envy your neighbours, you give demons a place to rest-(Ephraim the Syrian) Such is the wretched appetite of this wretched envy: ready to run into the fire, so that he may draw his neighbour with him.(St Thomas Moor) If we were to ...esteem everything according to its true nature , rather than according to our false opinions, then we would never see any reason to envy any man, but rather we would pity every man. ( St John Bosco)

### MASS TIME CHANGE 30TH/31ST MAY

First Holy Communion takes place on Sunday 31st of May in St Marys Boherquill at 10am, for the children of Rathowen parish and Streete parish. For this week only the vigil mass will be said in Rathowen on Saturday evening at 8pm, and mass in Streete at 10am on Sunday.

### BLESSING OF THE GRAVE.

The annual blessing of the graves in both parishes will take place on the following dates and times.

Rathaspic Saturday June 13th 6pm (Mass offered)

Russagh Saturday June 13th 7.15pm

Streete/Coolamber/Boherquill

Street village Sat 24th June 6.30pm. 24th/6th Coolamber 7.15pm, Boherquill 8pm-Mass. Graves beside church 8.45.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION 9TH/10TH

Streete 345 Thank

Rathowen 339 You

Easter dues:Rathowen 1305 Streete 1445.