

ST. MARY'S RATHOWEN & ST. MARY'S 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

Boherquill – 8pm. Adoration 7 – 8pm.

WEEKEND MASSES 23rd/24th

Sat 23rd: No Intention

Sun 24th: Maura & Michael Cox.. Dan & Marcella Broughan
Bernie Tighe, DFM.

WEEKEND MASSES 30TH/31ST

Sat 30th: No Intention

Sun 31st: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

CATHOLIC HEADLINES

1-Pope and co-founder of Antropic, the world's largest AI company to launch Pontiffs AI Encyclical on May 25. 2-More incisive than the pope: Bishop dreaded grilling he got during hospital visit to potential young saint. 3 US bishops plan Sacred Heart consecration after June holy conferences. 4-Israeli envoy says christian presences in middle east must be preserved. 5- Trump administration sues catholic diocese to seize land near El Paso for new boarder barrier. 6- Damian Sylwestrzak: The UEFA soccer referee who is also a theologian. 7-Belgian bishop says he will make every effort to ordain married men by 2028. 8-Gardener who experienced 'spectacular' event in virgin Mary's house in Ephesus, to cycle to Jerusalem 9-Puerto Rico enacts law recognizing legal personhood of the unborn child.

ALL IRELAND RALLY.

The 41st All Ireland rosary rally will take place on the 6th of June, in Knock shrine. In association with the parish council we would like to invite you and your family to travel with us, to be part of this special day of prayer and celebration. The day will offer a whole host of different events for young and old, concluding with mass offered by Archbishop Eamon Martin, primate of all Ireland. To reserve a place on the bus or get some more information, contact either Jodie on 087-6208003 of Jerimiah on 087-4309096 or any PPC member....

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

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

Streete village Sat 24th June 6pm, Coolamber 6.30pm,

Boherquill 7pm mass in new cemetery/ graveyard at church after mass. [Apologies for misprint in last weeks newsletter]

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE.

The annual pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from the 14th/21st of October, departing from Knock airport and landing in Monstar airport. Cost of the pilgrimage is 915 euros, which includes, flights, accommodation, taxes and transfers, breakfast and dinner. The price is based on PPsharing. Frs Huges and Jorom will act as spiritual directors on the trip, to reserve a place or find out more information contact Gerry on 087-4309096, place limited.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Streete 180 Thank

Rathowen 220 You

A LITTLE THEOLOGY 'UNFORGIVABLE SIN'

The catholic church clearly teaches that God's deep mercy is limitless, there is no sin no matter how grave that cannot be forgiven; the only unforgivable sin 'final impenitence'-that is the deliberate, obstinate refusal to accept God's forgiveness & repent before death. In the Gospels Jesus teaches that 'who ever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness'. The church drawing on scripture and the writings of the holy men and women like saint Thomas Aquinas understand this specifically as the persistent rejection of the Holy Spirit grace. The catechism of the catholic church explains the teaching in the following manner. 1:Refusing mercy, anyone who freely refuses to accept God's mercy rejects the very forgiveness the Holy Spirit offers. 2:Rejection of truth, it involves hardening one's heart and stubbornly resisting the known truth. 3:Final impenitence, if a person remains in a hardened state until the hour of death, they place themselves outside the reach of God saving mercy.

SAINTLY INSIGHT 'SIN'

"There is only one thing to be feared.....only one trial, and that is sin.....All the rest is beside the point, whether you talk of plots, feuds, betrayals, slander, abuses, accusations, confiscations of property, exile, war. Whatever they may be, they are all fugitives and will perish. They touch the mortal body, but wreak no harm on the watchful soul".....[St John Chrysostom]

"Every sin is more harmful to the sinner than ever it is to the one sinned against. All sin is a type of lying. [St Augustine of Hippo]

MASS TIME CHANGE 30TH/31ST MAY

First Holy Communion takes place on Sunday 31st of May in St Mary's Boherquill at 10am, for the children of Rathowen/Streete parish. For this weekend only the vigil mass will be offered in Rathowen on Saturday evening at 8pm and mass in Boherquill on Sunday at 10am. Please keep the children in your prayers these coming days.

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE: ANSWER SAMSON'S HAIR.

