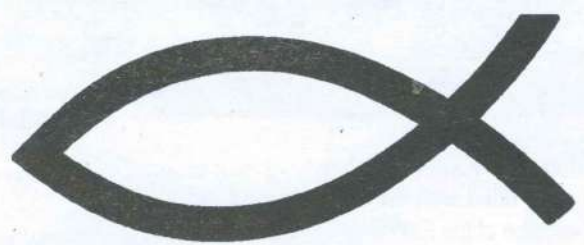


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WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday

Boherquill – 10.00 am

Wednesday

Rathowen – 9.30am

Thursday

Rathowen – 9.30am. Adoration 10-10.30am

Friday

Boherquill – 8pm. Adoration 7 – 8pm.

WEEKENDS MASSES 11th/12th

11th July 8pm: No intention

12th July 10am: No intention

WEEKEND MASSES 18th/19th

18th July: Tony Boyce-DFM. Fr Ned, Micheal, John
Bridget O Hara.

19th July: Pat Murray. M/M

CATHOLIC HEADLINES

A: Pope Leo urges US to recommit to founding ideas of protecting life, human dignity on 250th anniversary of United States. **B:** Catholic group that defies the pope and caused schism defends itself and casts itself as the victim. **C:** German 'church tax miracle' continues with revenue up and congregations down. **D:** Church in Spain has 349 open causes for canonization, involving more than 2000 candidates. **E:** He ran across the United States to support pregnant women: now he's off to be a monk. **F:** Priestly ordinations rise in Germany, fall in France. **G:** Peru passes law now declaring June 'life and family month'. **H:** Frances traditionalist catholics rally behind Pope Leo after schism. **I:** As plastic chokes Vietnam's seas, people of faith cast their nets for hope. **J:** Can the catholic faith be passed on without a catholic culture?

A LITTLE THEOLOGY 'THE SABBATH'

Catholic keep the third commandment (keep holy the Sabbath) by attending Sunday mass and resting from unnecessary work. Instead of the Jewish Saturday Sabbath Christians observe 'The Lord's day' Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. This day is dedicated to worship and the family. Catholics are required to attend mass on Sunday and holy days of obligation, the sabbath is made for man and not man for the Sabbath, so it is a time to rest from all unnecessary work, labour or business. The resting of the mind and body are important, and the Lord is concerned with the whole person, not just our souls.

MASS TUE MORNING;

Mass this coming Tuesday morning will be at the later time of 10am, the change is just for this week.

Diocesan Facebook page.

Stay up to date with everything that is happening in the diocese, check out the diocesan Facebook page for all the latest news, upcoming events, stories as well as inspiration for your journey of faith.

PILGRIMAGE SEASON 2026

The 2026 Lough Derg pilgrimage season is in full swing & runs until the 15th of August, (the last day you can begin the 3 day pilgrimage is the 13th). Contact no 071-9861518. The annual Ardagh and Clonmacnoise pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday September 6th, lead by Bishop Paul, more details in the coming weeks. Croagh Patrick Reek Sunday is July the 27th. (This is the traditional date when thousands climb the reek and attend mass on the summit.

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS?

"Our invitation to reflect on Sunday mass is presented through the lens of Synodality-Communion, Participation and Mission, reminding us that the Eucharistic is not just personal, encounter with Christ but also a communal experience that unites us all of us as the people of God... Mass is not just a personal act of devotion; it is a communal act of worship. We go to God together. The Sunday mass is where the church is most visibly alive, and where every member of the community plays an essential role. Each person's participation is needed for the church to be fully alive.

SAINTLY WISDOM 'SOLITUDE'

"Believe one who has tried: You shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you what cannot hear from the masters". (St Bernard of Clavux)
"Aim at a great interior nakedness, poverty of spirit: Keep yourself in true interior solitude, in the depth of essences of the soul, which is the same as saying: remain in the temple of your soul, so the silence may speak to you". (St Paul of the cross)

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE.

There are still a few places left for this year's pilgrimage to the marion shrine of Medjugorje, which will take place from the 14th to the 21st of October. Departure will be from Knock and landing in Mostar. The cost for a place will be 915 euros which will include flights, accommodation, breakfast and dinner, taxes and transfers, this price is based on Per Person sharing, Fr PJ Huges and Fr Jorom will act as spiritual directors for the whole pilgrimage. To get more information or to reserve a place you can call Jerry Nally on 087-4309096.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 4th/5th

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Rathowen	237	YOU

