

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.

Rathowen – 7pm (Vigil for Holyday)



WEEKEND MASSES 8th/9th.

Sat 8th Aug: Donors intention

Sun 9th Aug: Farrell family, Cauran. William Joseph and Christina Manning.

WEEKEND MASSES 15th/16th

Sat 15th Aug: Paddy Nally DFM.

Sun 16th Aug: Fulham family.

BR BRIAN JOHNSON.

Next weekend Aug 15th/16th, Br Brian Johnson, of the Franciscan Brothers will speak at all masses, letting us know about there in Kenya and Uganda, with a focus on rural development. Br Brian seeks the help of the church in their ongoing work, and will leave envelopes in the church should you wish to make a donation. You can return your envelopes in the collection basket at the weekend or return them at the following weekend mass.

CATHOLIC HEADLINES

A: Sold a promise: How a catholic network is rescuing Africa's trafficked youth: Franciscans ask Marco Rubio (US Secretary of State) for help in the face of persecution by Jewish settlers affecting christians and others in the Holy Land C: Iraq: Bishops to consider a government plan to encourage christians to return. D: Tonga at 200: The christian faith that helped shape a kingdom. E: UK bishops need to be ready for battle over assisted suicide E: Countdownn to World Youth Day, Seoul 2027 begins 2 million youth expected to attend. F: Christians in West Bengal face new round of intimidation threats. G: Newly identified St. Augustine sermons explore troubling bible passage. H: Kenya bishop suspends 7 priests, announces new clergy accountability measures. I: Spanish survivors of anti-catholic persecution reveal hidden stories of real faith and resistances.

SAINTLY WISDOM 'FREEDOM OF RELIGION'

"You can force a man to enter a church, to approach the altar, to receive the sacraments; but you cannot force him to believe" (Saith Augustine of Hippo)

"Unbelievers who have never accepted the faith should be subject to no compulsion at all, for belief is an act of freedom. Given the power, however, the faithful may use force to prevent unbelievers from impeding the faith by blasphemy, or evil persuasion, or open persecution". (St Thomas Aquinas)

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE.

The annual pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from the 14th/21st of October, departing from Knock and arriving in Mostar. The total cost of the trip is 915 euro which includes flights, accommodation, taxes, transfers, breakfast and dinner. Price is Per Person sharing. For more info or to reserve a place on the trip, call Gerry on 087-4309096.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION.

Saturday the 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed virgin Mary to heaven, and since it falls on a Saturday the mass times will be a little different the vigil will be said in Rathowen at 7pm on Friday the 14th, and at 8pm on Saturday the 15th in Boherquill.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE/NOVENA

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Knock shrine will take place on Sunday September 6th, lead by Bishop Paul Connell, bishop of Ardagh & Clonmacnoise. Ceermonies will commence with the rosary and anointing of the sick, in the Basilica. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul and priests of the diocese, if the weather there will be a rosary procession in the grounds of the shrine. Confessions are available all day in the confession chapel. The Knock novena will run from the 13th/21st August, with public sessions at 3pm and 8 pm. Alongside the traditional practices you can also visit the Creation Garden along with the Knock museum & video hall more info at www.knockshrine.ie

A LITTLE THEOLOGY 'FAITH & WORKS'

In catholic theology salvation is seen as a free gift of God's grace, but that initial justification, cooperation with grace, and living faith are essential components of the christian life. The church does not believe or teach that anyone can 'earn' heaven by good deeds alone. Instead, genuine faith must express itself through love and good works. The first step towards salvation is completely driven by God's free unearned grace, people can not do any good action before receiving grace to force God to save them. God invites humanity, each individual to use their free will to accept or reject this gift of faith. Once a person receives God's grace, they must cooperate with it through an active, working faith. The works call for are corporal works, actions that help the physical needs of others, like feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, or spiritual works, actions that help the soul, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving injuries by others

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 1ST/2ND AUG

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Rathowen	296	You.

