

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: James & Ellen Campbell, Campbell & O Hara family
Boherquill – 8pm. Adoration 7 – 8pm.

WEEKEND MASSES 12th/13th

Sat 12th: Matt & Margaret Gorman, Gorman & Dunne DFM.
Fiona, Hal, Helen, Bill Gaynor, DFM. Barry Meignan M/M.
Sun 13th: No intention

WEEKEND MASSES 19th/20th

Sat 19th: Pat & Annie McNally, Coolamber. Patsy & Annie Ownes, parents, Hughie & Annie, DFM. Rosanna & Seamus Molloy.
Sun 20th: No intention



A LITTLE THEOLOGY "FAITH ALONE"

The catholic church rejects the doctrine of 'faith alone' (sola fide), teaching instead that justification comes by grace through faith that works through love & charity. The core principles of this teaching are, grace is a free gift, we believe that salvation is entirely a free unearned gift from God initiated by his grace. It cannot be earned or bought by human effort or good deeds. True living faith cannot exist in isolation, it must be expressed and perfected through acts of love and charity. The role of good works is not to earn initial justification, instead they are necessary fruits, evidence and completion of a genuine active relationship with God. Justification is not a one-time, static legal declaration, but an ongoing work of salvation where a believer cooperates with God's grace to grow in holiness.

LEGION OF MARY PILGRIMAGE

The Legion of Mary annual pilgrimage to Knock shrine will take place on Sunday September 27th. A bus has been arranged, departing from the Bayhorse, Granard at 8am, the Parkhouse Edgesworthtown 8.15am, and St Mel's cathedral Longford @ 8.30am. TO reserve a place contact Peter on 087-6613510 Kitty on 086-0405621.

SAINTLY WISDOM 'FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD'

"No wonder you have so few friends, since this is the way you treat them" (a prayer said by saint Theresa of Avila after a cart in which she was riding overturned on a journey to found a carmelite convent)

"Be not like those who are before God like a slave, and wait the end of their duty of obligation to find liberty & pleasure in leaving him"..... (St Elizabeth Ann Seton)

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

The annual pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from the 14th/21st of October, departing from Knock and landing in Mostar. The cost of the trip is 915 Euros, which includes all flights, taxes & transfers, accommodation, breakfast and dinner. The price is based on Per Person sharing. Fathers PJ Huges & Jombo will accompany the pilgrimage as spiritual directors. To reserve a place or to get more information call Gerry on 087-4309096.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Rathowen €271 Streete €250

CATHOLIC HEADLINES.

A: Haiti's church is key target for gangs in bid to silence last institution challenging their stranglehold. B: 12 years on and still no justice for young christian couple burnt alive in brick kiln in Pakistan. C: Maine Supreme Court rules father can forbid mother from taking teen daughter to church. D: World War 11 veteran baptised shortly before turning 100. E: Hong Kong court upholds conviction of cardinal Joseph Zen and others over protest relief fund. F: Canadian Cardinal accused of abuse is found not guilty: Slander must pay him \$100,000. G: A real catholic revival is taking root in American college campuses, according to new research. H: German far-right wins state election after local church warning. I: Pope calls for "unmasking" the contractions of the world; such as the notion that war is a solution. J: Bishop highlights technology's role in transforming Africa's resources.

BISHOP PAUL'S VISIT.

Bishop Paul Connell will make a visit to Rathowen Monday Sept 21th, to celebrate mass to mark the inauguration of the new diocesan adoration committee, whose task in task will be promotion of Eucharistic adoration around the diocese as well as supporting those parishes already holding adoration, mass will be at 7.30pm and all are welcome.

BEST OF LUCK

Last weekend 5 priests of the diocese officially retired from active ministry after serving almost 250 years between them in the diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise. We wish them a long and healthy retirement and thank them for their service. We also wish God's blessings on those priests who have taken up new appointments as well the 3 new priests who have come to serve in various parishes in our diocese from Africa, Welcome.

