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## Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

**Masses this weekend: 1st/2nd April, 2017** No. 1238.

**Sat. 8pm.** Intentions of parishioners. **Sun. 10am.** Lists of the Dead..

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:** Mass at 9.30am.

**Next weekend: Palm Sunday is celebrated next Sunday.** As we bring pieces of palm home we ask God's blessing on homes, families, farms and out buildings.

**Next weekend: Sat. 8pm.** Dessie Christie. Anthony and Maria Neary.

**Sun. 10am.** Lists of the Dead.

**Plate Collection: €523.** **Building fund** envelope due this weekend.

**Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday:** 10am-10pm. **Wednesday:** 10-11am & 6-10pm.

**Baptisms** after 10am Mass on 1st Sunday and at 2pm on 3rd Saturday.

*We welcome* John Christopher Colin Forde baptised this weekend.

**Please pray** for Andy Farrell, Edenderry, father of Amanda Glynn, Delmere and Delia Walsh, Donadea, mother of Carol McNally, New Road. R.I.P.

**Friday is the First Friday.** The sick & housebound will be attended on Friday.

**Evening Mass for Lent in Rathmolyon** on Wednesday evening at 8pm. Stations of the Cross before Mass starting at 8pm.

**Penitential Service for Easter: Tuesday 11th April.** Rathmolyon church at 7pm and Jordanstown church at 8pm. A number of visiting Priests available for the Sacrament

**World Meeting of Families:** Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. **In this regard a national collection will be held at Masses this weekend. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.**

**21st National Pioneer Ball** takes place in The Sheraton Hotel, Athlone on Saturday 8th April. Tickets €30. Contact Dermot Fagan 0857201646. Those wishing to receive silver or gold pioneer pins contact Lena 9541580 or Ann 9555215 & any young person 18 years who wishes to take the full pioneer pledge contact Ann.

**TROCAIRE 2017: 5th Sunday of Lent** In today's gospel, Jesus is surrounded by a culture of death. Since 2010, over 100 Honduran human rights activists have been murdered. In the gospel today, Jesus gives hope, compassion, resurrection and love to those who are in turmoil. We are called to take away the stone, to come out of the tomb, to unbind the oppressed and let them free. What we do, what we buy, how we use the plentiful resources at our disposal all affect the wider global community. We must remember that we are full of light, we can do small things, we can help to remove the restraints of injustice instead of sitting in the darkness.

**The Chrism Mass** will be celebrated in Mullingar Cathedral at 7pm on Wednesday 12 April. All welcome.

**Rathmolyon Hurling Club:** Lotto Nos. 5,9,17,28. Next draw 3rd April.

**Dates for Cemetery Sunday: Kill:** Sunday 28th May. Mass at 7.30pm.

**Jordanstown:** Sunday 11th June. Mass at 7.30pm.

**The Doherty Family** wish to thanks everyone for their kind and generous support on Daffodil Day. €7,550 was raised. Many thanks

**Summerhill Players** presents their production of Brian Friel's comedy "The Loves of Cas Maguire" until Tuesday April 4th at 8pm. Tickets €15. Phone Karen 086-3472263.

**Enfield Celtic FC: Night at the Dogs** in Shelbourne Park on Sat 22nd April. Tickets €10 available at Supervalu Enfield on Saturday 1st April or from Anne 086-2351663.

**National Spring Clean/Meath Co.Co./An Taisce.** Baconstown, Rathcore. Local Spring Clean for these areas ongoing up to Friday 7th April. If you would like to take part contact Cathy Dunne 086 1245911 for bags and gloves and more information.

**Enfield Community Employment:** Vacancies for maintenance workers in the Enfield area. C.E. eligibility required. Contact Supervisor 085 7853968.

**Trocaire Boxes:** Please bring Trocaire Boxes to Mass on Holy Thursday.

**Pope kicks off preparations for World Meeting of Families** The Pope asked if the Gospel continues to be a joy for the world. "Does the family continue to be good news for today's world? I am sure the answer is yes!" said Pope Francis. "The family is the 'yes' of God as Love. Only starting from love can the family manifest, spread and regenerate God's love in the world. Without love, we cannot live as children of God, as couples, parents and brothers." In practice, living love means "giving oneself, forgiving, not losing patience, anticipating the other, respecting. How much better family life would be if every day we lived according to the words, 'May I?', 'thank you' and 'I'm sorry'," said Pope Francis

**Today's Gospel: A human heart** -When people read this they say they see that Jesus is a real hu-man being, son of God, God of heaven, man of the earth, weep-ing over a friend. His was a human heart. He liked friends and he found a home and a safe place with them, over the hill and away from the mob. We might picture him there – the talk, the chat, the prayers, the love; meals with other friends who dropped in, times of prayer and silence. The one who can share a laugh, eat a scone, have a drink or a cuppa. The one who'd give a wink at the sign of peace! Not always so serious, even about religion. There's no such thing as a sad saint! He is a good friend. Friendship gives new spirit. When life is ending we will give thanks for friends, and regret the way we have drifted or hurt each other. Real friendship is when another's thoughts and life become at least as or more im-portant than our own. So the resurrection and the life is not just for after death. It is for now. We raise each other up in friendship and in love. In that is the grace of the Lord, himself a friend, for when we love, God lives in us. *Picture your friends and those you love and give thanks to God for each of them. Lord, help me to keep love and friendship alive in my life.*

**Next weekend:**

**Readers: Sat. 8pm.** C. Flynn. **Sun. 10am.** B. Fahy.

**Eucharistic Ministers: 8pm.** B. Mulvihill, E. Delgarno.

**Sun. 10am.** A. Sweeny, G. Harnan.

**Altar Society:** S. Brady.

**Cleaners:** G. Doherty, R. Melia, M. Forde, L. Dwyer.

**Collectors: Sat. 8pm.** C. O'Brien, P. Ennis, A. Forde.

**Sun. 10am.** G. Cunningham, D. Larkin, J. Crowley.

