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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 8th/9th April, 2017 No. 1239.

Palm Sunday is celebrated this Sunday. As we bring pieces of palm home we ask God's blessing on homes, families, farms and outbuildings. **We have new pieces of palm made from the bark of palm trees which are cleaner and easier to keep**

Sat. 8pm. Dessie Christie. Anthony and Marie Neary.

Sun. 10am. Delia McLoughlin.

Tuesday and Wednesday: Mass at 9.30am.

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm. Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection. Anne Fox.
Easter Sunday 10am. Keith Schofield. Maree Grimes, 5th Anniversary.

No Mass on Wednesday evening. Chrism Mass in Mullingar at 7pm.

Holy Thursday: 8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper. We will be joined by First Holy Communion children. Exposition after Mass until 10pm.

Good Friday: 3.00pm Stations of the Cross. **8.00pm** Celebration of our Lord's Passion, Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday: Confessions at 3pm.

Reconciliation Service for Easter on Tuesday: Rathmolyon church at 7pm and Jordanstown at 8pm. Pope Francis surprised many recently by responding that the best description of himself was: "I am a sinner". Pope Francis also set out a challenge for us all: 'I would like to ask you - but don't say it aloud, everyone respond in his or her own heart: when was the last time you made your confession? Two days, two weeks, two years, twenty years, forty years? And if much time has passed, do not lose another day. Be courageous he said and go to Confession! Jesus will receive you; he will receive you with so much love. (Visiting priests available for Confessions).

Easter Offerings Collection for the support of the Priests due next weekend. Give subscription to collector at church door or place envelope in box provided.

Novena to Divine Mercy commences on Good Friday and concludes on the Sunday after Easter with Mass and Chaplet at 3pm in Rathmolyon Church.

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

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

Practice for Good Friday Stations of the Cross on Tues. at 11am in church.

Trocaire Boxes: Please bring Trocaire Boxes to Mass on Holy Thursday. Please convert coins into higher denominations for counting purposes. What we give will make a huge difference to children and families in poorer countries.

The palm is a symbol of peace and on this Palm Sunday we pray for the millions of people around the world who are affected by conflict and have had to flee with their families to face an uncertain future. Trócaire is working in many areas of conflict to ensure people have a chance of a better future.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos. 9,10,12,30. Next draw 10th April.

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

Pat Holton Art Exhibition: Wednesday 12th April at 8.00pm at No. 1 Enfield Court (beside Bridge House, Enfield) and continues daily until Sunday 23rd April from 12.00 -7.00pm.

Additional Cleaners: At present we have 36 people involved in the cleaning group. We thank them for the service they give weekly in cleaning the church along with all others who serve in other Ministries. **We require** an additional 5 people to cover the months of June, July or September. If interested in helping during any of these months contact Margaret Bagnall 086 0866285 or Fr. Timothy after Mass.

The High Hopes Choir are performing in Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on Thursday 27th April at 8pm. Adm. Free but donations greatly appreciated. Call Cathy 087 6217796.

Enfield Celtic FC: Night at the Dogs in Shelbourne Park on Sat 22nd April. Tickets €10 from Anne 086-2351663.

We invite all parishioners and friends to join us for Holy Week Ceremonies and to make this a week of prayer and growing closer to God.

Kill National School Parents Association are holding a Clothing Collection on Friday 28th April to raise funds towards Sports Equipment in the school. All support welcome.

Today's Gospel: *Playing our Part* We tend to be uncomfortable with audience participation, especially when it is sprung on us at the last minute. Many people get embarrassed or clam up when a microphone is thrust in their face. TV audience members can even look uncomfortable when expected to sing or clap along to a performance. More than most, today's liturgy calls for our participation. First, we are caught up in the drama of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. We are comfortable enough with this – holding up our palm branches and imagining ourselves celebrating and supporting Jesus as he arrives into town riding on a colt. But our participation takes on a darker tone during the reading of the Passion, and we soon find ourselves joining in with those who question and accuse Jesus. Before long we are shouting 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' and taunting Jesus on the cross to 'save himself if he is the Christ of God'. It is enough to make even the most complacent among us uncomfortable. Palm Sunday and Good Friday are the only two occasions when the congregation is invited to take part in the reading of the Gospel. What strikes you as you play your part today?

Next weekend:

Readers: Sat. 8pm. C. Sheridan. **Sun. 10am.** E. Crowley.

Eucharistic Ministers: 8pm. M. Howley, A. Heffernan.

Sun. 10am. B. Downey, R. Maguire.

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.

