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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 1/2nd August, 2015 No. 1154

Sat. 8pm. Bridie Boyle. **Sun. 10am.** Ned and Vera McManus.

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

Next weekend: **Sat. 8pm.** Intentions of parishioners. **Sun. 10am.**

Basket Collection: €505. *Many thanks.*

Building fund envelope due this weekend.

Baptisms after 10am Mass on 1st Sunday and 2pm on 3rd Saturday. Next Baptism Meeting on Tues. 4th August in Enfield Parish Meeting Room at 8.30 pm.

Friday is the First Friday: The sick and housebound will be attended on Friday. If anyone requires a visit in hospital or at home please contact Parochial House.

Parish Survey: Thanks to all who returned completed surveys. For people away on holidays surveys can be returned to the church or parochial house.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival: Cistercian College, Roscrea, 13th-16th Aug. The Festival is donation only. Free buses. see www.youth2000.ie

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 9th August. Bus leaving Rathmolyon Church at 8.45am. Fare: €20 adult, €10 child. Further details phone 046 9555215/086 8616780.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 12th-17th Sept. Led by Bishop Smith. Prices from €689 all inclusive. Booking forms from Enfield Parochial House or telephone 01 6359300.

Baconstown First Responders: B.B.Q on this Saturday 1st Aug. in Rathcore Golf Club. Admission €20.

Enfield C.E. Scheme: Vacancy for C.E.worker for Rathmolyon Parochial House. Duties include mowing, strimming, hedgecutting, etc. C.E. eligibility required. Call 085 7853968.

Vintage Rally: Castle Vintage Club will hold a Rally on Sunday 2nd August at McGovern's, Moyvalley. Display of Vintage Tractors, Classic Cars, Motorcycles, etc. Proceeds in aid of Meath MS. No entry fee. All donations welcome.

The Irish Catholic: Future of Irish Church rests on 'strong' lay people Pages 1 & 2. Golf star Zach Johnson thanks God for talent Page 3. The voice of an angel Page 11. Amnesty have turned their back on equality and the vulnerable Page 12.

Childminder required from September: Experienced childminder required 3 days per week. Baconstown area. Contact 086 8756379.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos. 14,18,19,26. Next week's jackpot €10,000

Cycle' Race in aid of Na Fianna Player Injury Fund: Monday 3rd August at 4pm from Enfield Grounds. Registration at 3pm. 3 Routes to choose from: 50k 30k - €15 per cyclist, 10k family cycle and fun run at 5pm - €20 per family. BBQ afterwards

Reflection: The present moment I may never see tomorrow, there's no written guarantee, and things that happened yesterday belong to history. I cannot predict the future, I cannot change the past, I have just the present moment, I must treat it as my last. I must use the moment wisely, for it soon will pass away, and be lost to me forever as part of yesterday. I must exercise compassion, help the fallen to their feet, be a friend unto the friendless, make an empty life complete. The unkind things I do today may never be undone, any friendships that I fail to win may nevermore be won. I may not have another chance on bended knee to pray, and I thank God with humble heart for giving me this day. I may never see tomorrow, but this moment is my own. It's mine to use or cast aside; the choice is mine, alone. I have just this precious moment in the sunlight of today, where the dawning of tomorrow meets the dusk of yesterday.

Today's Gospel: The hungers of life We hunger for a feeling of importance. Nobody wants to be a nobody. We all want to matter, if only to one person. We hunger for acceptance. If we are not accepted it becomes almost impossible for use to realise ourselves. We hunger for relationships. Without them we are at the mercy of cold winds of anguish and loneliness. We hunger for motivation. Without it we are like a sail boat without the wind. We hunger for faith, for a set of positive beliefs to guide us. Otherwise we are like a ship without chart or compass or port of destination. We hunger for hope. If this was fully satisfied then most of our other hungers would disappear. However, there is one further hunger, a deeper one, and one that underlies all our other hungers, including that of love. It is the hunger for eternal life. In other words, the hunger for God. To experience this hunger is not a misfortune but a blessing. Only God can satisfy our deepest hungers.

The Letter to the Ephesians today could almost have been written as a column on New Year's resolutions. It invites us to 'put away your former way of life' and to 'clothe yourselves with the new self', while also speaking of becoming 'renewed in the spirit of your minds'. But the source of this makeover – bodily and spiritual – is not ourselves, but Christ whose peace is said to 'rule in our hearts' according to a similar passage found in the Letter to the Colossians. What areas of my life do I need to be renewed at the moment and what parts of my life do I need to let go of?

Next weekend:

Readers: 8pm. M. McGrath. **10am.** V. O'Brien

Eucharist Ministers: 8pm. L. Cosgrave, G. Harnan.

Sun. 10am. M. Cummins, P. Brady.

Altar Society: T. Smith, B. Rochford.

Cleaners: M. Mulvihill, L. McEnroe, B. Downey.

Collectors: 8pm. R. O'Brien, P. Ennis, C. O'Brien.