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## Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

**Masses this weekend: 13/14th December, 2014** No. 1121

**Sat. 8pm.** Betty Nolan. Mary and Christy Murray. Nan and Kit Donnelly.

**Sun. 10am.**

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

**Next weekend: Sat. 8pm.** John and Annie Farrell.

**Sun. 10am.** Donie & Marion Larkin. Deceased members of Rathmolyon Senior Citizens.

**Basket Collection:** €660 (incl. Holy Day). **Building fund:** €220. *Many thanks*

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

**We welcome** children preparing for First Holy Communion this weekend and their parents.

**Penitential Service for Christmas: Tuesday 16th December.** Rathmolyon 7pm and Jordanstown 8pm. A number of visiting priests will be available for confessions. We encourage all to avail of the Penance Service in preparation for Christmas.

**Christmas Offerings** for the support of the Priests will be taken up at Christmas Masses. Thanks to everybody for their support and generosity throughout the year.

**Please pray** for the repose of the souls of Annie Kiely, Walkinstown, mother of Annette Leamy, Glenidan Court, Michael Sammon, Ballymurray, Roscommon, brother of Des Sammon, Enfield and Tony Killeen, Broadford. R.I.P.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Church Gate Collection this weekend. In these difficult times for many, the demands on the Society are great. Vincent de Paul shop is now open at premises in Enfield Mon-Fri 9.30-3.30pm.

**Baconstown School : History Book** has been reprinted. Copies on sale from the school and local shops, Price €15. An ideal Christmas present.

**First Friday calls** for Christmas and New Year will take place on Friday next. If anyone is ill in hospital or at home and would like a visit, please contact either Parochial House and we can arrange same.

**Stamps for the Missions:** Apostolic Works Society would be grateful for any used stamps. Leave 0.5" around the stamp and put into box at back of church.

**Rathmolyon Hurling Club:** Lotto Nos. 25,27,28,29. Next week's jackpot €10,000.

**Christmas Concert** organized by Enfield Comhaltas in Enfield School on Friday 19th at 6.30pm. Free admission. Raffle on the night. Followed by a few tunes in Bridge House.

**Switching on of Christmas tree lights *outside of Rathmolyon church*** will take place this Saturday night after the 8pm vigil Mass. Rathmolyon youth choir will sing carols. A cup of tea and refreshments and treats for children. Come along and get into the Christmas spirit.

**Talk** on "The Redefinition of Marriage & the Rights of Children" on Tuesday 16th Dec. at 7.30pm in the Ardboyne Hotel by Breda O'Brien of the Iona Institute.

**Santa is Coming:** Come visit Santa with members of Revue Variety Show in his grotto this Sunday 14th Dec. from 1-5pm in SuperValu. €5 per child.

**This weekend** marks the third Sunday of Advent. Things we might do for Advent: Prepare an Advent wreath /sacred space at home. Go to daily Mass. Go to Confession. Visit the elderly. Give an hour to Eucharistic Adoration.

**Today's Gospel: 'A witness to speak for the light'** There is so much darkness around us: in the Church, in the troubled parts of the world, in our own families and even in our own hearts. It is easy to become cynical. The Gospel today tells us that John the Baptist was someone who was 'a witness to speak for the light.' He gave hope to people. We can think of many people in society today who witness to the light. One that comes to mind is Malala Yousafzai. Malala was shot by the Taliban on her way to school in Pakistan. She was targeted for speaking out on the rights of women to education. She has said: 'We realise the importance of our voices only when we are silenced. I was shot on a Tuesday at lunchtime, one bullet, one gunshot heard around the world.' Malala was in her chemistry class when she heard she was to be the youngest ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. She celebrated by going on to a physics class. Look around your families and communities and you will see many who witness to the light. We each have the capacity to do the same, however dark the situation may be. The Gospel challenge is to bring hope and good news. We should take example from the Malala's of the world. *They bear witness to the rest of us that somewhere in the dark a light always shines, a light that darkness cannot overpower, and therefore we can all believe again.* Michel de Verteuil

**Next weekend:**

**Readers: 8pm.** Meabh Downey. **10am.** Ellen Crowley

**Ministers of Eucharist:**

**Sat. 8pm.** Geraldine Halton, Imelda Connolly.

**Sun. 10am.** Mary Howley, Anne Sweeney.

**December: Altar Society:** Maura Murray, Peggy Brady.

**Cleaners:** A. Keogh. C. Cunningham.

**Collectors: Vigil Mass:** Ronan O'Brien, Paul Ennis, Christy O'Brien.

