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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 20/21st December, 2014 No. 1122

Sat. 8pm. John and Annie Farrell. **Sun. 10am.** Donie and Marion Larkin.
Deceased members of Rathmolyon Senior Citizens.

Tuesday: Mass at 9.30am.

Christmas Eve - 7:30pm Mass. Christmas Day - 10am Mass.

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm. Sun. 10am. Michael and Helena Martin.

Basket Collection: €555. **Building fund:** €40. *Many thanks*

Confessions: After all Masses this weekend and on Christmas Eve. from 3-4pm in Rathmolyon and Jordantown.

Christmas Offerings for the support of the Priests will be taken up at Christmas Masses. Please give subscription to collector at back of church or place envelope in box provided. Thanks to everybody for their support and generosity throughout the year.

St. Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection amounted to €737. Many thanks.

No Adoration this week. Adoration resumes on Tuesday 6th January.

Please pray for Tess O'Rourke (nee Harnan) Trim and formerly of Rathmolyon

Please come early to Christmas Masses for the singing of carols before Mass. Be sure to bring the children to visit the crib and the tree.

Thanks to the children and teachers for the decorations for the Christmas tree. They are beautiful and enhance our church greatly.

Carol Service, Rathmolyon C. of I. this Sunday 21st at 8pm. All welcome.

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 Text Alert: Please be vigilant over the Christmas period in relation to the security of your own homes & also please don't leave cars unlocked outside the church or leave valuables in sight particularly during Christmas Masses.

Devotions in honour of St. Charles of Mount Argus in Rathmolyon Church on Sunday 4th January from 3-5pm. All welcome.

GOAL Mile: Christmas Day starting at Boggans, Rathcore at 12.15pm. Support a good cause. Enquiries Paddy 086 3581824 or Lena 087 6793220.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos. 2, 26, 29, 30. Next week's jackpot €10,000. **Minor hurling final** this Sunday in Trim at 12.30 v Wolf Tones.

Enfield Celtic F.C. 25 Years of Football: In conjunction with the opening of our 2 new pitches next Summer the club are hoping to publish a book about the history of the club. Anyone with photographs, newspaper clippings, team or player information since the club was founded are asked to contact Christ Hunt 085 1651685.

Chernobyl Children International Church Gate Collection on Sat/Sunday 27th & 28th December. The collection is to pay for all flight costs for the Christmas 3 week holiday and 3 months of the Summer holidays 2015 for Chernobyl children.

Fr. Michael & Fr. Timothy wish everybody peace and joy for Christmas and blessings for the New Year and thank you for your support and generosity. Welcome all who have come home to be with family for Christmas. Enjoy this special time.

Advent Prayer: Come, Lord Jesus. Lord Jesus, come into our weakness. Come into our fears. Come into our anxieties. Come into our failures. Come into our divisions. Come into our grieving. Come into our loneliness. Come into our darkness. Come into our doubting. Come into our despair. Come into our poverty of heart. Come into our searching. Come into our joys and hopes. Come into our dying. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Today's Gospel: Yes, mother

We sometimes distance ourselves from the real encounter here. As Margaret Silf notes, we sometimes 'put Mary into a glass case, surround her with flowers, and avoid the personal consequences of this moment'. And there could have been very severe consequences for Mary, even death by stoning. Mary's yes is an example of completely surrendering to God's will. She surrenders her motherhood, her entire life to God. We can think today of those who mother against the odds in our world. In places where there is no food, no clean water, the threat of disease, of torture; those who watch their children suffer from addiction or violence. And we remember those who are the angel Gabriel's of the world, bringing good news and hope that 'nothing is impossible'. *'Hail Mary, woman of Nazareth, home maker, cleaner, preparer of food, fetcher of water, God is with you in your everyday excursions in this ordinary town. Blessed are you among women and blessed indeed are women in their everyday lives, in the confines of family life, in the ambivalence of decision making, in the silences and blessed are the fruits of all our labors'.* Janet Lees

Next weekend: Readers: 8pm. Maire Ann McNeill.
10am. Colette Morgan.

Eucharist: Sat. 8pm. Lily Graham, Bernard Mulvihill.

Sun. 10am. Suzanne Long, Maura Kirby.

January: Altar Society: Ann Heffernan, Imelda Brady.

Cleaners: Martina Ryan, Ettie Lewis.

Collectors: Sat. 8pm: John Jordan, Vernon O'Brien. John Brady.

Sun. 10am: Michael Cumins, James Harnan, Robert Lewis. .

