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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 27/28th December, 2014 No. 1123

Sat. 8pm.

Sun. 10am. Michael & Helena Martin. Dec. members of the Colgan family.

Tuesday and Wednesday: Mass at 9.30am.

Thursday: *New Year's Day. Feast day of Mary the Mother of God. World day of Prayer for Peace.* Mass at 10am. A nice way to begin the New Year and ask the Lord's Blessing on ourselves and our family.

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm. Frances Grace. John, Maureen, son Seán, daughter Therese Doran. **Sun. 10am.** Elizabeth Rooney, 1st anniv. and Dan Rooney.

Basket Collection: €515. *Many thanks*

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

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

Parish Calendars available at the back of church. Please take one.

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

We welcome Aoife Boggan baptised this weekend.

Thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Offerings Collection for the support of the Priests. Your support, generosity, kindness and encouragement is very much appreciated.

Tuesday week 6th January: *Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord* is a Holyday. Masses at 10am and 8pm.

Thanks to all who helped with the Christmas ceremonies in our church: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Society, Organist, Adult Choir, Folk Choir, Altar Servers, Collectors, Sacristans and Caretaker.

The Baptism of Our Lord is celebrated on the weekend of 10th/11th January. In a special way we ask God's continued blessing on all children baptised in our Parish in the past year. We invite and welcome them and their families to Mass that weekend for special prayers of blessing for parents and children.

Fr. Michael and Fr. Timothy wish everybody peace and blessings for the New Year.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos. 5,17,19,29. Next week's jackpot €10,000.

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 this weekend. 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.

To all bereaved parents: Remembrance In the garden stands a manger softly lit with candle light, where a mother laid her baby on a blessed Christmas Night. Mary was the mother mild. Jesus Christ her little child. Mother may we know what joy that you felt with your baby boy. We also know the pain of loss as you saw Him die upon the cross. O' Mother Mary heal our heart as we share with you our pain of loss. We trust our children are full of heavenly light as we celebrate this Holy Christmas night.

Today's Gospel: *The Holy Family*

Every month of the year, the Holy Father gives us two intentions for which he asks our prayers. One of these intentions would refer to the church in some country, where Christians may be suffering persecution perhaps, and the other might be more general. This month of December we are asked to pray for married couples, as follows "That parents be true evangelisers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith". Pope Francis is strong on the importance of prayer in the home. Morning prayer and evening prayer, including the Rosary, are all important. Remember Fr. Patrick Peyton's call to prayer in the family: "The family that prays together stays together". Sunday Eucharist is important. How inspiring it is to see father and mother and children coming to church on Sunday morning or on Saturday evening. We are often told that the family is the church in miniature, where prayers are offered and where prayer and forgiveness are part of everyday life. Our Holy Father speaks of 'protecting people, showing loving concerns for each and every person, especially the children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about'. He emphasises the importance of the family: husbands and wives first protect one another, and then, as parents, they care for their children and children themselves, in time, protect their parents: Pope Francis also explains the importance of caring for society by 'building sincere friendships in which we protect one another in trust, respect and goodness.

Next weekend: Readers: Sat. 8pm. Caroline Flynn.

Sun. 10am. Aisling McNeill.

Eucharist: Sat. 8pm. Brenda Downey, Kitty Collins.

Sun. 10am. Imelda Brady, Brendan Grimes.

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 Cummins, James Harnan, Robert Lewis.

