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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 12/13th December, 2015 No. 1171

Sat. 8pm. Betty Nolan, Christy & Mary Murray. Nan and Kit Donnelly. Paddy and Mary Jordan. Jack and Maureen Doran, son Seán and daughter Teresa and Nan Sweeney. **Sun. 10am.** Dec. members of Rathmolyon Senior Citizens.

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

Next weekend: 8pm. Nancy and Jack Farrell

Sun. 10am. Donie and Marian Larkin

Basket Collection: €488 **Building Fund:** €490. Many thanks.

Baptisms after 10am Mass on 1st Sunday & at 2pm on the 3rd Saturday.

Invitation to Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place: *Tues.* 11am-10pm. *Wed.* 10-11am & 6-10pm
Eucharistic Adoration provides us with a chance to be with our Saviour one on one. Through this practice, we are invited to spend time alone with God in his real, physical form and to bring to Jesus all our cares, concerns, prayers, hopes and thoughts. We set aside a special time, a respite from our hectic modern lives, to create a personal space in which to meet our God. **If you can attend Adoration weekly for one hour at a time suitable to you please fill in the invitation card and return it to Masses any weekend.**

Christmas Eve Mass at 7.30pm. Mass on Christmas Day at 10am.

Please pray for Kit Loughlin, Possetown and Paddy Holton, Cloona, laid to rest in the past week.

Penance Service for Christmas: Tuesday 22nd December. 7pm Rathmolyon and 8pm Jordantown with a number of visiting priests. We encourage all to avail of the Penance Service in preparation for Christmas.

Irish Catholic: 1916 Church & The Rising, special souvenir edition this week.

St. Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection this weekend. In these difficult times for many, the demands of the Society are great. Thank you for our support. This year the Annual Appeal will focus on the message "Say Yes to St. Vincent de Paul because your help can last a lifetime".

Christmas Offerings: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are Offering Days for the support of the Priests of the parish. Please give subscription to collector at church door or place envelope in box at the back of the church. Offerings Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

We welcome First Holy Communion children and families this weekend.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos.10,21,23,26 Jackpot is €10,000.

Suggestions for Advent: Go to daily Mass. Attend Eucharistic Adoration. Go to confession. Create an advent wreath. Help the poor and needy. Visit an elderly neighbour. Give more time to family and to prayer.

Enfield Senior Citizens-Active Retirement Club: Flower Demonstration by Caroline Doran on Tuesday 15th Dec. at 8pm in Enfield Parish Meeting Room. Refreshments will be served and the floral arrangements will be raffled on the night. Adm. €5.

Rathmolyon Youth Choir present an evening of Christmas Carols and Songs **in Rathmolyon Church on Friday 18th December at 7.30pm.** Donations on the night for a local charity. Your support greatly appreciated. All welcome

If anyone is ill in hospital or at home and would like a visit, please contact either Parochial House and we can arrange same.

Advent Prayer: Come, Lord Jesus. Come into our hearts. Come into our homes. Come to those who are lonely. Come to those who are fearful. Come to those who are sick. Come to those who are poor. Come to those who are grieving. Come to those who have no faith. Come to those who have no hope. Come to those who have no love. Come to the victims of violence. Come to those in the grip of addiction. Come to those in prison. Come to us in our needs at Christmas. Amen.

Today's Gospel: Reflection—Joy There is a clear note of joy in today's liturgy. Joy is a blend of laughter and tears. It consists in having a love affair with life. It is having a heart aglow with warmth for all one's companions on the road of life. It is looking for happiness that comes in small packages, knowing the big packages are few and far between. It is making the most of the present, enjoying what is at hand right now. Joy is love bubbling over into life. And it can coexist with pain. Joy is the flag we fly when Christ, the Prince of Peace, has taken up residence in our hearts

Musings: 'Joy is what makes life worth living, but, for many, joy seems hard to find. They complain that their lives are sorrowful and depressing. What then brings the joy we so much desire? Are some people just lucky, while others have run out of luck? Strange as it may sound, we can choose joy. Two people can be part of the same event, but one may choose to live it quite differently than the other. One may choose to trust that what happened, painful as it may be, holds a promise. The other may choose despair and be destroyed by it. What makes us human is precisely this freedom of choice.' (Henri Nouwen)

Next weekend:

Readers Sat. 8pm. S. Downey. **10am.** C. Dixon.

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

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

Altar Society: M. Murray, P. Brady.

Cleaners: A. Keogh, C. Cunningham.

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

10am. G. Cunningham, D. Larkin, P. Farrell.