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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 19/20th December, 2015 No. 1172

Sat. 8pm. Nancy and Jack Farrell **Sun. 10am.** Donie and Marian Larkin.

Tuesday and Wednesday: Mass at 9:30am.

Tuesday: Special Christmas Mass for the children of St. Michael's School, Kill and their families. All welcome.

Christmas Eve. Mass at 7.30pm. John Byrne, Kilmore

Christmas Day: Mass at 10am. Joseph, Mary and Vincent Farrell.

Next weekend: 8pm. Tom, Mick and Kathleen Casey. Dan and Mary Nolan.

Sun. 10am. Mary and Edward Colgan and relatives.

Basket Collection: €653 (incl. Holy Day). **Building Fund:** €200. *Many thanks.*

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

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday 11am-6pm.

Please pray Monica Smith, Kilbeg, Kells, sister of Maureen Mulvihill, Rathmolyon, and Leonard Slevin, formerly of Isaacstown, Rathmolyon who has died in England, (Removal to the church on 5th January and funeral Mass on 6th January in Rathmolyon). R.I.P.

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.

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

Rathmolyon St. Vincent De Paul: Church door collection amounted to €1,021.75 Many thanks to all who contributed.

Chernobyl Children's International Church Gate Collection on Saturday and Sunday 26th/27th December.

Parish Calendars and times of Christmas Masses available at back of church.

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.

Fr. Michael and Fr. Timothy wish everybody peace and joy for Christmas and blessings for the New Year and thank you for your help, support and generosity. We welcome all who have come home for Christmas.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos. 2,17,19,26. Jackpot is €10,000.

Juvenile Hurling Club want to thank everybody who supported the recent raffle which raised €1,665. *Many thanks.* **Well done** to the U/13 on winning the final on Wednesday last on the score line of 4 - 4 to 2 - 5.

Na Fianna Athletic Club are hosting **GOAL MILE** on Christmas Day from 12-1pm. starting at Boggan's, Rathcore. Please support.

Canal Jump-In Fundraiser on St. Stephen's Day at 12.30pm at the Dock Bridge, Longwood in aid of Temple Street Foundation and Longwood Active Retirement Club.

Enfield Macra: Live Crib -Enfield Hall Christmas Eve. 11am-8pm. Nativity scene from 3pm. Carols and refreshments. Donations to Meath River Rescue.

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

Peace Light of Bethlehem: Scout group from Longwood bring Peace Light from the grotto in Bethlehem to our parish. The Peace candle will remain lit at all of Christmas Masses. People can take a light from the candle and bring it to their homes. We pray for peace in our homes, community and throughout the world. We thank the scout members and girl guides who have helped to spread this light of peace worldwide.

Today's Gospel: The fact that these two women had a divine intervention is a reminder that our own lives too are a gift of God; It is from this understanding that the Church takes its position on all life issues. At some moments we may recognise the hand of God in our lives. Maybe at the point when we felt we had a priestly or religious vocation or when we finally decided on our partner in marriage. Maybe it was at the birth of a child, a change in job circumstances, or the death of a parent. Maybe it was a moment in prayer, the grace of a sacrament, advice in the confessional, wise words from a friend or relative at a critical moment. God continues to work with us and for us. God takes the long view and there are periods of seeming barrenness, seeming aloneness. But these are all part of that gestation which is life on earth. We were born into this world and we will be reborn into eternal life. Every now and then like John the Baptist we leap in this womb which is our life on earth. Every now and then we recognise God's presence, as John recognised Jesus' presence, and we leap with joy. But life is always moving on and God is always with us. It was God caused us to come into being, who sustains and feeds us, and who will welcome us into life eternal. As well as the birth of Jesus, we celebrate our own birth at Christmas, a birth, a life that flows towards death & final resurrection.

Next weekend:

Readers Sat. 8pm. K. Brehony. **10am.** N. Regan.

Eucharist Ministers: 8pm. K. Collins, N. Regan.

Sun. 10am. I. Brady, B. Grimes.

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.