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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 26/27th December, 2015 No. 1173

Sat. 8pm. Tom, Mick and Kathleen Casey. Dan and Mary Nolan.

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

No Mass Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

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

Next weekend: 8pm. Nell Fox, 1st anniv. James Fox

Sun. 10am. Frances Grace.

Basket Collection: €455. **Building Fund:** €145. *Many thanks.*

Building fund envelope due next weekend. Many thanks to all who contribute to the Building Fund which has enabled so much work to be done.

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

Eucharistic Adoration: No Adoration this week. Adoration resumes on Tuesday 12th January.

Please pray for Dick Flaherty, Clondoogan, Summerhill (father of Cepta Murphy Connelstown). Funeral Mass in Summerhill on this Sunday at 11.30 and Leonard Slevin (brother of Tom Slevin, Baconstown) who has died in England. Funeral Mass in Rathmolyon on 6th January at 11am.

Christmas Offerings: 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.

Fr. Michael and Fr. Timothy wish everybody peace and joy and blessings for the New Year and thank you for your help, support and generosity.

Ministers of the Word: Missals for the coming year available in the Sacristy.

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

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

Wednesday 6th January: Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord is a Holyday. Masses at 11am and 8pm in Rathmolyon.

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

Parish Calendars available at back of church.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos. 3,5,10,12. Next draw 4th January. Jackpot €10,000. Two chances to win for €2. Thanks to all for their support.

AGM: The following were elected for the coming year: **Chairperson** Colin Brennan, **Vice Chairperson** Terry Pearle, **Secretary** Graham Whelan, **Vice Secretary** Niamh Regan, **Treasurer** Ruth Fitzsimons, **Vice. Treasurer** Noel Healy, **PRO.** Daniel Whelan, **Insurance Officer** Shane Lewis, **Coaching Officer** Stephen Ford, **Co. Board Delegates** John Ennis & Daniel Whelan.

Peace Light of Bethlehem: The Peace candle will remain lit at all Masses at the beginning of the New Year. 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.

Baconstown Heritage Group have recorded all headstones in Kill cemetery up to December 2013 and this information is now available to view on www.enfieldgraveyards.com.

Parish Website: For those who are home at Christmas you can keep in touch with parish activities by logging on to www.rathmolyonparish.ie

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. 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. M. Ui Raghallaigh. **10am.** K. Collins.

Eucharist Ministers: 8pm. G. Halton, I. Connolly.

Sun. 10am. M. Howley, A. Sweeny.

Altar Society: A. Heffernan, I. Brady.

Cleaners: M. Ryan, E. Lewis.

Collectors: 8pm. J. Jordan, V. O'Brien, J. Brady.

10am. M. Cummins, J. Harnan, R. Lewis.