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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 17/18th December, 2016 No. 1223.

Sat. 8pm. Jack and Nancy Farrell. Deceased members of Rathmolyon Senior Citizens. Deceased members of Rathmolyon GAA.

Sun. 10am. Mary Dixon, m.m. Donie and Marian Larkin.

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

Next weekend: Christmas Eve.

Saturday 7.30pm. (Please note change of time). John Byrne, Kilmore. Mary, Joseph and Vincent Farrell. Sonny and Peg Fitzpatrick.

Christmas Day 10am: Intentions of all parishioners.

Plate Collection: €522. **Building fund:** €115. Many thanks.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays 10am-6pm. **Wed.** 10-11am & 6-10pm.

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

We welcome James Regan baptised this weekend.

Please pray for Bridie Ryan, Thomastown, mother of Bríd Coffey, Celine Tobin, and Phyllis Bambury, and Renee Bourke, Johnstownbridge, sister of Ann Cosgrave, Newcastle. R.I.P.

Penance Service: Our annual penance service for Christmas will take place this Tuesday 20th of December in Rathmolyon Church at 7pm and Jordanstown Church at 8pm. A number of visiting priests will be available for confessions.

Confessions also on Christmas Eve. at 3pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Church Door Collection amounted to €1,109. Many thanks.

Christmas Eve: 7.30pm Mass (Family Mass) Childrens Choir Singing

Christmas Day: 10.00am Mass Adult Choir Singing

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. Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

First Friday calls will take place on Monday.

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 to be with family for Christmas

Please come early to Christmas Masses for the singing of carols before Mass.

Peace Light of Bethlehem: Longwood Scout group are bringing "Peace Light" from the grotto in Bethlehem to 10am Mass this Sunday. The Peace Candle will remain lit at all the 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.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto nos.2,4,15,25. No winner.

Na Fianna CLG present Mike Denver in the Hamlet Court Hotel on Thursday 29th December. Local musician Christy McNally will get proceedings underway at 9pm. Tickets on sale from committee members and from the Hamlet Court Hotel.

Rathmolyon Church of Ireland: Sincere thanks for the great support and help in the past year and we wish everyone a blessed Christmas and joy in 2017.

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

Senior Helpline: Ireland's only national listening service for older people will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10am-10pm. LoCall 1850 440 444.

Chernobyl Childrens Church Gate Collection on Sat. 31st Dec./Sun. 1st January

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

The Parents Association of St. Michael's N.S. Kill are holding a Family Fun Bingo night on Wednesday 21st December at 7pm in the Old School Hall, Rathmolyon. The event is to raise funds for the "Literacy Lift Off" programme in the school. There will also be a Christmas Raffle on the night with great prizes. All are welcome to join the fun and try their luck!

Rathmolyon Youth Choir: Thanks to all who participated and attended the Service of Carols on Friday night in preparation for Christmas. A lovely occasion that helped to create the Christmas Spirit for us all.

Enfield Macra: Live crib in Enfield on Christmas Eve. From 11am-6pm. Nativity scene from 3pm onwards. Carols and refreshments. Donations to Irish Cancer Society.

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

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: Today we find ourselves at the heart of the Christmas story. 'This is how Jesus Christ came to be born,' the Gospel tells us. In the midst of the festive frenzy, it can be easy to lose sight of how our Advent preparation is going. Why not take the time for some quiet prayer today? Spend a few moments in silence reflecting on today's readings, get away from it all with a walk in the great outdoors, or take the younger members of the family to your local church to visit the crib. Perhaps it is a good time to remember the wise words of Max Ehrmann's Desiderata: 'Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.'

Next weekend:

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

Rotas are being delivered at present.

Altar Society: M. Murray, P. Brady.

Cleaners: C. Cunningham, R. Cummins.

Collectors: Sat. 8pm. C. O'Brien, P. Ennis, A. Forde

Sun. 10am. G. Cunningham, D. Larkin, J. Crowley.

