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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 3/4th December, 2016 No. 1221.

Sat. 8pm. Paddy Reilly. Felim O'Reilly. Séamus and Jackie Gallagher. Michael Forde, Kill, Anne Sweeney (nee Fagan) native of Trammon who died in England, 1st anniv. Anne's brother Michael, U.S.A. and his wife Joan.

Sun. 10am. Michael & Helena Martin.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: Mass at 9.30am.

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm. Patrick & Mary Jordan. Leonard Slevin, formerly of Isaacstown, Rathmolyon, 1st anniv. Betty Nolan. Mary and Christy Murray. Nan and Keith Donnelly. **Sun. 10am.** Dolly Kelly

Thursday 8th December - Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day).
Mass at 10am & 8pm in Rathmolyon. Also Mass in Jordanstown at 9am & 7pm

Plate Collection: €415. **Building fund** envelope due next weekend.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays 10am-10pm. **Wed.** 10-11am and 6-10pm.
Additional Adorers required for the following hours: Tuesday from 3-4pm, 5-6pm and 8-9pm. Why not make a special effort for Advent.

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

Some suggestions for December and Advent: Go to daily Mass, do something for charity, go to confession, give some time to Adoration and Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Enfield/Rathmolyon Parish in 1916: . To view photos and video of Lawrence collection - click **Latest News** on parish website. www.rathmolyonparish.ie

Sacrament of Confirmation: Enrolment for children at Masses this weekend.

Applications are now being taken for enrolment for September 2017 in St. Michael's N.S. Kill, School tel. no. 046 95 55300.

St. Vincent de Paul: Church door collection next weekend. Our immediate concern is to help families avoid an empty Christmas. We help with the cost of food, energy and education as well as toys. We need your help now and without your support, we simply could not do our work; your 'yes' can last a lifetime.

Rathmolyon Youth Choir presents An Evening of Christmas Carols and Songs on Friday 16th December at 7.30pm in Rathmolyon Church. All welcome.

Switching on of Christmas Lights in Rathmolyon next Saturday after Mass.

Used Stamps for the Missions: The Apostolic Work Society would be grateful for all your used stamps especially over the Christmas season. Please leave 0.5 inch of the envelope around the stamps. The box is at the back of the church.

Advent thoughts: God has no phone, but I talk to him. He has no facebook, but He is still my friend. He does not have twitter, but I still follow Him

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto nos. 20,23,27,29. No winner. **A.G.M.** Annual General Meeting will be held in the club house on Sunday 11th December at 5pm.

Church of Ireland Union of Parishes: Annual Christmas Bazaar on Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm in Parish Hall. Proceeds in aid of Church of Ireland Funds

Advent Retreat for Young Adults 18-40. 'Pondering with Mary how God is calling you, Married life? Priesthood? Single life? Religious life? Saturday 10th Dec. 9.30am-5pm. Dalgan Park, Navan. Cost: donation. Contact Fr. Joe 086 6036506

Advent Calendar available at www.catholicbishops.ie/advent-calendar with tasks to do everyday for children and adults.

Na Fianna CLG present Mike Denver in the Hamlet Court Hotel on Thursday 29th December to have a welcome everyone home for Christmas dance. Local musician Christy McNally will get proceedings underway at 9pm. Tickets (€15) are on sale from for one day only at Supervalu on Saturday 10th December from 11am - 9pm. What a lovely Christmas Gift for someone special. Tickets also on sale at the Hamlet Court Hotel.

Thought for Today: "Its up to You" " One song can spark a moment, One flower can wake the dream. One tree can start a forest, One bird can herald spring. One smile begins a friendship, One handclasp lifts a soul. One star can guide a ship at sea, One word can frame the goal. One vote can change a nation, One sunbeam lights a room. One candle wipes out darkness, One laugh will conquer gloom. One step must start each journey, One word must start each prayer. One hope will raise our spirits, One touch can show you care. One voice can speak with wisdom, One heart can know what's true. One life can make the difference. You see, It's Up to You!

The straight way Before the motorways a journey took ages, with twists and turns, corners and hills. Now much has been made straight. John's message was that we would live along a path where words and actions match, and where kindness matches convictions John the Baptist was a man on one mission – to be the mes-senger of the one he did not know. His life had a vision and a purpose, like when we are really committed to people or to causes or to the poor or to peace in the world. John was the man of desert food and desert dress; he took time out to find what the biggest thing in life was and then kept following it, often not knowing where it would go. The human heart is complicated and we know that. We need that one who will touch our hearts with love and forgiveness and guide us himself in ways that are straight, and whose hand will guide us along straight paths when we need it. God's guiding is gentle. John found that Jesus was a gentler guide: no name-calling, no bringing the axe to the tree, but call-ing each of us his friend, and nourishing the tree rather than cutting it down. Jesus would melt the snow to make a path, not hack at it and destroy in the process. Our hearts can be melted by the love of God and love of others. Think of or remember a time when you made a decision to follow the way of Jesus. Offer this to him again. **Lord God, make our hearts like yours**

Next weekend: (Please check rota for Holy Day)

Readers: Sat. 8pm. M. A. McNeill. **10am.** B. Fahy.

Eucharist Ministers: 8pm. M. Howley, A. Heffernan.

Sun. 10am. B. Downey, R. Maguire.

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.

