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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 21/22nd February 2015 No. 1131

Sat. 8pm. Michael and Mary Griffin and relatives. Bernard and Christina Bagnall and son Martin. **Sun. 10am**

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

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm. Michael Cole. Pat and Marie Farrell and relatives
Sun. 10am.

Basket Collection: €495. **Building fund:** €35. *Many thanks.*

Building fund envelope due next weekend.

Eucharistic Adoration: *Tuesday 10am-10pm. Wednesday 10-11am and 6-10pm.*

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Foley, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim, father of Michael Foley, Enfield. R.I.P.

Evening Mass for Lent on Wednesday evening at 8pm. **Stations of the Cross starting at 7.45pm.**

Trocaire Boxes are being distributed at present. Please place in a prominent position and contribute regularly.

Enfield Revue Variety Show: Concludes this Saturday 21st February at 8pm in Hamlet Court Hotel. Admission €12, children €8.

House Masses: An opportunity for family, neighbours and friends to come together to pray and build up a community spirit - no fuss just a cup of tea. A special encouragement to consider this idea during Lent if you have not hosted a House Mass previously. If interested contact Fr. Timothy or Fr. Michael.

First Responders Training: Friday week 27th February at 8.00pm in Enfield Parish Centre. New members welcome.

Synod on Family: A meeting to discuss a response from local parishes in the Trim area to questions raised by the "Synod on Marriage and the Family" will be held in Trim Parish Centre on next Thursday 26th Feb. at 8pm. All welcome.

Parish Co-ordination Group Meeting on Thur. 26th Feb. at 8.30pm in **Enfield Meeting Room.** Meeting will be addressed by Noel McCann. All welcome.

Confirming our Children: Final night of "Confirming our Children" takes place on Tuesday next 24th February at 8pm in Enfield Scho

Parish Golf Classic: Thursday - Friday 18th & 19th June in Rathcore Golf Club.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos.4,6,15,25. Next week's jackpot €10,000

Meath Community Games: *Cross Country Running* this Sunday 22nd February at 11am in St. Brigid's Athletic Club, Ballinacree, near Loughcrew, Old Castle for Boys & Girls U8,9,10,12,13,14 and 16. Registration at 10.30am. €2 per child.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Fundraiser: *Recycled clothes collection* on Friday/Saturday 27/28th February 10am-1pm outside Enfield Community Hall and at Brian O'Donoghue's shop on 2nd and 3rd March (all day). Contact Rodney 086 4025360

Rathmolyon C.of I. Cross Country Horse Run in association with Meath Hunt this Sunday 22nd February at 12.30pm Rathmolyon village in aid of C.of I. funds.

C.C.E. Enfield. Ceili in Hamlet Court Hotel on Sun. 22nd Feb.4-7pm. Adm. €10

Todays Gospel: The devil puts different temptations before Jesus. But Jesus knows this is not what his Father's kingdom is about. That is the example for all of us; it is the message for Lent. Not to always get what we want but to want what we have got. To appreciate the things we have in our life, the blessings God has given us. To say to God—thanks for what I have. Every one of us at times has problems that can get on top of us. At times life is a real struggle— that's the truth of the matter. The challenge is to not let these problems hide the deeper positives of our lives. To not let the negatives destroy our perspective. We have been blessed by God in many ways. So on this first Sunday of Lent we just stop and pray a prayer of thanksgiving and we reflect on all we have to be thankful for: We thank God for our families, for our friends, for those whom we love and are close to us. We thank God for the gift of life. For the food we have to eat—if we have two square meals per day we are in the top 70% well off people in the world. We thank God for our home, for our clothes and all of our possessions. For those who are dead and have gone before us. Perhaps we are still angry with God for taking them from us but we thank God for the gift of their lives while they were with us. And for all the individual things we have to thank God for in our lives but rarely do...we thank you God.

Lent: Pruning time is a painful time for a fruit tree. The pruner rids it of all those suckers which use up a lot of energy but produce no fruit. However, the aim of this surgery is not to inflict pain but to help the tree produce more and better fruit. Lent is a kind of spiritual pruning time. There is so much that is useless and perhaps harmful in our lives, which saps our energy, and diminishes our spiritual fruitfulness. Of what shall we prune ourselves this Lent so that we may become more fruitful branches of Christ, the true Vine?

Next week: Readers: 8pm. M. McGrath. **10am.** B. Fahy.

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

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

Altar Society: Teasie Smith, Bridie Rochford.

Cleaners: A.Heffernan, T.Tuite, B.Cummins, O.Doherty.

Collectors: 8pm. B. Grimes, M. Jordan, N. Collins.

Sun.10am. F. Smith, J. Crowley, T. Slattery.