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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 20/21st February, 2016 No. 1181

Sat. 8pm. Simon and Mary Heapes and deceased relatives.

Sun. 10am. Andrew and Sheila Tuite

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

Next weekend:

Sat. 8pm. Michael Cole, Rathmolyon. Michael and Mary Brandon.

Sun. 10am. Jimmy Brogan, 1st anniv.

Basket Collection: €451. Building Fund: €230. Many thanks .

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

Next Baptism Meeting on Tues. 1st March in Enfield Meeting Room at 8.30pm.

We welcome Ava Marie McMahon baptised this weekend.

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

Please pray for Tom King, formerly of Isaacstown, who died recently in England. Remains arriving to Rathmolyon Church on Thursday next at 8.30pm. Funeral Mass on Friday at 11am. and Bridget Weir (nee Holton) Celbridge and formerly of Longwood. R.I.P.

Evening Mass for Lent on Wednesdays 8pm. **Stations of the Cross** at 7.45pm.

We welcome First Holy Communion children and their families this weekend

Sacrament of Confirmation "You shall be my witness" programme concludes this Tuesday night 23rd Feb. in Enfield school at 8pm for parent leaders and children.

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.

First Anniversary Mass for Fr. Seán Fay on Friday 18th March in Rathmolyon Church at 8pm

Trim Family Resource Centre: For details of programmes coming to the FRC this year, telephone 046 9438850.

Rathmolyon Church Working Group: The next meeting of the group will be held in the Oratory, Rathmolyon Church, tomorrow night (Monday 21st) at 8.00pm. All interested are welcome to attend.

Trocaire Box: You may also have noticed a new look and feel to this year's Trócaire Box. It displays ordinary people who do extraordinary things in the pursuit of justice. They are supporters and volunteers of Trócaire, who, like you, are helping make a difference to the most vulnerable people in our society.

Trocaire Boxes are being distributed at present.



Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto nos.5,14,19,29 No winner. Next draw 22nd February. Jackpot €10,000. Two chances for €2. Thanks for your support.

Table Quiz on Friday 26th February at 8.30pm in Village Inn, Rathmolyon. Proceeds in aid of Church of Ireland funds. Table of 4 €40.

Baconstown Area First Responders Group: *A.G.M.* on Thursday 25th February at 8.30pm in Bridge House. New members welcome.

Holy Door of mercy: To mark the Jubilee of Mercy, a Holy Door of Mercy has been opened in St. Mary's Church, Navan. It is inside the church, leading into the Adoration chapel. A plenary indulgence may be gained by entering this beautiful door and fulfilling certain conditions. An explanation is printed on leaflets in the church.

Lent is a time of fasting, penance and prayer. Here are a few suggestions: Abstain from alcoholic drink and from smoking. Make a special effort to be involved in family prayer. Make a special effort to attend Mass especially on Sundays. Visit the Blessed Sacrament. Pray the Stations of the Cross. Assist the poor, the sick and the lonely in this Year of Mercy.

Prayer is a ladder to Paradise.

Todays Gospel: Things are not always as they seem. When you are talking to someone and they tell you they are very ill, or recovered from addiction, you see more to them. Or you may find out that someone you thought little of visits an elderly person every week. People are not always as they seem. The mountain visit was the same: the apostles saw Jesus – son of God, radiant in prayer, and in the middle of it all the Passion was announced. They saw the person behind the face. The big truth of Jesus is that he is intimately united to God the Father. So following him is not just action, but prayer that leads to action. We say someone is a great Christian – he or she helps the poor. Christianity is more – it is also prayer and the Eucharist. While we are thankful for the good lives of many people, we also can say that the full Christian life includes prayer and Mass. It also involves community – the three were called to witness and help each other remember the Lord Jesus. Community brings the word of God alive in a real way. The community of the Church brings us to fuller faith. Prayer leads to action for others, and action leads back to prayer. We can be so close to heavenly things that we are no earthly good! Lent brings us into this mystery of the death and resurrection of the Lord – we are part of this, and we try to make life a grace for others. We can transfigure the lives of others, or disfigure. Let's be people of the transfiguration. **Lord show me your face – in myself and in others. Amen.**

Next weekend:

Readers Sat. 8pm. D. Forde. **10am.** C. Morgan.

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

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

Altar Society: T. Smith, B. Rochford.

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

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

10am. F. Smith, J. Crowley.

