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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 27/28th February, 2016 No. 1182

Sat. 8pm. Michael Cole, Rathmolyon. Michael and Mary Brandon. Pat and Marie Farrell. **Sun. 10am.** Jimmy Brogan, 1st anniv.

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

Next weekend:

Sat. 8pm. Patrick Boylan. **Sun. 10am.** Malachy and Mary O'Rafferty, Ardenew

Basket Collection: €425. **Building Fund:** €60. *Many thanks.*

Final Building fund envelope for the current financial year due next weekend. For those who contribute quarterly, half yearly or yearly, a contribution may now be due.

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.

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

Please pray for Kathleen Lynch, Castletown, Rathmolyon (Funeral Mass on Monday at 2pm in St. Brigid's Church, Kilcurry, Dundalk). Christopher Cronly, Ballinderry and Mollie Rispin, Rock Road, Trim. R.I.P.

Friday is the First Friday. The sick and housebound will be visited on Friday. If anyone requires a visit in hospital or at home contact Fr. Timothy.

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

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.

Prayer Service of Light for the children of Kill school in Rathmolyon Church on Tuesday 1st March at 7.30pm.

Enfield Celtic FC Couch to 5K Fun Walk/Jog/Run this Sunday 28th Feb. from St. Mary's N.S. Enfield at 12.30pm. Registration 12noon. €5 per adult, €5 for family. Spot prizes & refreshments afterwards. Enquiries to Ann 086 235 1663.



Trocaire 2016 'True mercy, the mercy God gives to us and teaches us, demands justice; it demands that the poor find the way to be poor no longer.' *Pope Francis*,
'If you want others to be happy, practise compassion. If you want to be happy, practise compassion. *Dalai Lama*

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto nos. 3,9,20,23 No winner. Next draw 29th February. Jackpot €10,000. Thanks for your support.

Teresa Brayton C.C.E. Céilí in Hamlet Court Hotel on Sunday 13th March 3.30pm-6.30pm. Music by The Glenside Céilí band. Sets called by Frank Keenan. Refreshments served. Admission €10.

Do Lent (Ideas For Lent 2016)

1. Fast, maybe skip one meal from time to time....a gentle fast like this will refresh our memory that many people in the world go hungry every day.
2. Meditation & Prayer - these lead to a closer connection with God; Do the stations of the Cross or spend a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament.
3. A weekend away from the mobile.
4. Visit a neighbor /relative in long term nursing home.

Reflection: It isn't the things you do, it's the things you leave undone, which give you a little heartache at the setting of the sun. The gentle word forgotten, the letter you didn't write; the flowers you might have sent, are your haunting ghosts tonight. The stone you might have lifted out of your brother's way; the little heart-felt counsel you were hurried too much to say. The tender touch of the hand, the gentle and kindly tone; which we have no time or thought for, with troubles enough of our own.

Today's Gospel: *Third Sunday of Lent.*

Spring is a time of new beginnings. Leaves sprouting, birds mating, blossoms bursting, all indicate new life. Hope is in the air. Good beginnings engender hope. It is almost as if a bountiful harvest can be foreseen. But there is many a slip between sowing good seed and harvesting a bumper crop. A late frost can arrest growth. Summer storms can wreck havoc. Still, there is hope. Without hope nothing worthwhile is achieved. Something similar happens in life and in particular, in the life of faith. Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage vows and Ordination all speak of new beginnings pregnant with great expectations. Selfishness and sin, weakness, fear, pride and prejudice can hinder growth into mature faith-filled living. But no matter what the setbacks here, there comes the chance to make a fresh start. Today's gospel is an invitation to make the most of such an opportunity with its clarion call to repent and its challenging image of the barren fig tree reminding us that we are called to go before the Lord with a bumper harvest of good works, of kindnesses to those in need, of fidelity in the face of suffering, of steadfastness in sharing faith. To be willing and able, to make a fresh start in life is God's greatest gift to us. He offers it now.

Next weekend:

Readers Sat. 8pm. S. Downey. **10am.** A. McNeill.

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

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

Altar Society: G. Coyne, A. Keogh.

Cleaners: P. Brady, G. Mulligan, P. Quinn, B. Sturdy.

Collectors: 8pm. M. McGuane, M. Martin, M. Payne.

10am. S. Quinn, S. Dempsey, M. Ford.

