

Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 25/26th February, 2017 No. 1233.

Sat. 8pm. Michael Cole. **Sun. 10am.** Pat and Mary Farrell. Jimmy Brogan.

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



Ash Wednesday is celebrated next Wednesday. It is the beginning of Lent. Our Lenten journey can be a refreshing time. The Lenten call to prayer, fasting and almsgiving is an opportunity to check our way of living. In Lent we have time to assess our priorities and re-focus our energy and spirit. **Mass at 9.30am and 8pm. Blessing and distribution of Ashes at both Masses.**

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm. Intentions of all parishioners.

Sun. 10am. Malachy and Mary O'Rafferty.

Plate Collection: €395. Building Fund: €115. Many thanks. For those who contribute half yearly, a contribution may be due.

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

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

Please pray for Maura McDonald, Station Yard, Enfield, mother of Agnes Pender, Gloria Prendergast, Mullingar, wife of Jim, formerly of Johnstown Road, Liam Moran, Edenderry, brother of Kitty Mitchell, New Inn and Michael Greville, brother of Ollie, Possetown. R.I.P.

First Confessions for children of Kill school on Thursday night at 7pm in Rathmolyon church. **Service of Light** for Confirmation children from Kill school on Thursday at 8pm in Rathmolyon

Choir Practice: Joint Choir Practice for adult choirs, folk choir and childrens choir in Rathmolyon church on Friday 3rd March at 7.30pm to prepare for conclusion of Parish Faith Mission.

Trocaire Boxes are being distributed at present.

Friday is the first Friday. The sick and housebound will be attended on Friday.

Enfield Revue concludes this Saturday 25th at 8pm in Hamlet Court Hotel.

Rathmolyon Church of Ireland: Table Quiz on Friday 3rd March at 8.30pm in the Village Inn, Rathmolyon. Table of 4 €40. Raffle on the night.

Enfield Macra: Jiving Lessons in Rathmolyon hall at 8pm on Wednesdays 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March. €10 per night or €35 if you pay up front. Open to all ages.

Parish Mission brochures & Petition Cards available at the back of the church

Enfield/Rathmolyon Community Games: AGM on this Friday night 3rd March at 8pm in Enfield Parish Meeting Room. New Volunteers to help out are welcome

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto nos. 12,13,26,27. Next draw Mon. 27th Feb.

Na Fianna GFC: Afternoon Tea Dance with Christy McNally on Sunday 26th February from 3pm in the Bridge House.

Parish Faith Mission in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help continues this **Monday 27th February and Monday 6th March, 8-9pm in Rathmolyon Church.**

An Explanation of some aspects of Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Mary's Mouth is small. She speaks little and ponders everything in her heart.

Mary's Eyes are large for all of our troubles. Her eyes are turned towards us always.

Mary's Left Hand supporting Christ possessively. It is a comforting hand for everyone who calls upon her.

The two sandals on Christ's Feet One falling and one firmly bound representing Christ's two natures – human and Divine in one person.

Mrs. Jessie Rogers will address our Parish Faith Mission on this Monday night 27th February with a talk on Faith and the Mercy of God as a source of Healing. Special prayers will be offered for all in need of physical, emotional and spiritual healing.

The Sacrament of Confession will be available at the conclusion of this weeks service with visiting priests. *We invite all our parishioners and friends to the remaining two Monday nights of the Parish Faith Mission.* Thanks to everybody for their great response over the past two weeks. **To view** the past 2 weeks of the Mission Ceremony, click www.rathmolyonparish.ie/parish-faith-mission

Prayer: Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture to be inspired by the example of your life. We think of you at that moment when, full of faith and trust, you accepted God's call to be the mother of his Son. Help us, your children, to accept with joy our own calling in life. When you learned that your cousin Elizabeth was in need you immediately went to serve her and offer your help. Help us, like you, to be concerned for others. We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony. But your joy was great when he rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil. Mother of Sorrows, help us to realise that we must expect trials and disappointments. Help us not to lose heart. May we share with you & your Son the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of life.

Todays Gospel - Anxiety and Peace: Anxiety tells you that you are in a situation that is too big for God to handle; Peace assures you that nothing is too hard for the Lord. Anxiety assumes the worst will happen; Peace affirms the best is yet to be. Anxiety points you to your inadequacy; Peace confirms that God's grace is sufficient. Anxiety causes you to panic; Peace causes you to be still. Anxiety shows you your lack; Peace points you to God's supply. Anxiety warns of defeat and failure; Peace proclaims God's victory and success. Anxiety causes you to strive; Peace causes you to rest. Anxiety says "You will be carried away by the storm;" Peace says "Your anchor holds." Anxiety fills you with darkness; Peace floods you with light. Anxiety tells you to first seek a solution; Peace tells you to first seek the Kingdom. Anxiety tells you, you won't make it; Peace assures you, God will bring you through. Roy Lessin

Next weekend: Readers: Sat. 8pm. D. Forde. **Sun. 10am.** F. Long.

Eucharistic Ministers: 8pm. L. Cosgrave, M. Kirby.

Sun. 10am. I. Brady, B. Grimes.

Altar Society: G. Coyne, A. Keogh.

Cleaners: P. Quinn, B. Sturdy, M. O'Donoghue.

Collectors: Sat. 8pm. J. Jordan, M. Jordan, D. Downey.

Sun. 10am. S. Dempsey, K. Halton, N. Howley.

