

Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 10/11th January, 2015 No. 1125

8pm. Lists of the Dead. **Sun. 10am.**

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

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm. Christina Farrell, Coolderry. **Sun. 10am.**

Basket Collection: €500. **Building Fund:** €235. *Many thanks.*

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

Parish Calendars available at the back of church. Please take one.

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

The Baptism of Our Lord is celebrated this weekend. In a special way we ask God's continued blessing on all children baptised in our Parish in the past year.

Prayer for the newly baptised and their families: "Lord, as we gather today, we ask your blessing on all newly baptised. Hold them in your arms and bless them. Shine your light on the path before them and let them always feel your loving presence as they travel along the paths of life. Lord, we ask your blessing on their parents, grandparents and god-parents. May they guide them with their own example of your love and always be ready to listen and to comfort, to laugh and to play, to encourage and to praise. May they always show their children that they are special in their eyes and also in yours. Amen.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Nell Fox, Isaacstown, Rathmolyon, John White, Longwood, father of Mary Murray, Cullentra, Michael Keogh, Drumlish, Longford, father of Michéal Keogh, Baconstown, Martin Cadden, Mullahoran, Cavan, nephew of Pat Farley, Possextown who died in New Zealand and Eva Brennan, Mullingar mother of Fr. David, P.P. Moynalvey. R.I.P.

Resolution for New Year: If interested in joining any church ministry: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Adoration, Choirs, Altar Society, Collectors, Baptism preparation group please contact Fr. Timothy.

Thanks again for your generosity in collections over the Christmas for upkeep of Priests and parish facilities and to all who helped with Christmas ceremonies and made them so uplifting and prayerful.

Crib: Visit the crib today and with the three wise Kings, offer to God our worship, praise and thanks. It is a tradition for many to bring home a piece of straw from the crib and place it in the home as a means of asking God's protection in the year ahead.



Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos. 10,17,21,23. Next week's jackpot €10,000
Adjourned AGM: Tuesday 20th Jan at 8pm in club dressing rooms. All welcome.
The GAA National Draw takes place on 27th February. Prizes include: Trip for 2 with the 2015 All Stars, trip to New York, travel voucher value €1,500 and many more. Tickets €10 available from committee members, Ryan's shop and Harman's. All proceeds go directly to the Club.

Navan Employment Development Project are training Care Assistants under the auspices of the Dept. of Social Protection & is a not-for-profit organisation. The participants, are trained to a FETAC 5 Major Award in a Healthcare discipline and gain work experience 19.5 hours per week in various units in Navan, Kells and Trim.

Variety/Benefit Evening in aid of Bernie Geraghty this Sat. night in Hamlet Court Hotel. Doors open at 7.30pm. Admission free. Donations at the door. Raffle tickets on sale. €10 each with lots of prizes, in association with Marie Keating Foundation.

Thanks to members of the Baptism Group for helping parents preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism. Next Baptism Meeting Tuesday 3rd February

Today's Gospel: *Baptism of Our Lord.* Many of us do not have any memory of the celebration of this Sacrament, and it is obvious why, if we were baptized soon after birth. I have asked this question two or three times already, here, in this square: who among you knows the date of your Baptism, raise your hands. To know the date of our Baptism is to know a blessed day. The danger of not knowing it is losing awareness of what the Lord has done in us, the memory of the gift we have received. Thus, we end up considering it only as an event that took place in the past – and not by our own will but by that of our parents – and, thus, has no impact on the present. Indeed, we must reawaken the memory of our Baptism. We are called to live our Baptism every day, as the current reality of our lives. If we manage to follow Jesus and to remain in the Church, despite our limitations and with our weaknesses and with our sins, it is precisely through the Sacrament that we have become new creatures and are clothed in Christ. It is by the power of Baptism, in fact, that, freed of original sin, we are inserted into Jesus' relation to God the Father; that we are bearers of a new hope, for Baptism gives us this new hope: the hope of going on the path of salvation our whole life long. And this hope nothing and no one can extinguish, for it is a hope that does not disappoint. Remember, hope in the Lord never disappoints. Thanks to Baptism, we are capable of forgiving and of loving even those who offend us and do evil to us. By our Baptism, we recognize in the least and in the poor the face of the Lord who visits us and makes himself close. Baptism helps us to recognize in the face of the needy, the suffering, and also of our neighbour, the face of Jesus. All this is possible thanks to the power of Baptism!

Next weekend: Readers: 8pm. Una Griffin. **10am.** Catherine Dixon.

Eucharist: 8pm. Leo Cosgrave, Grainne Harnan.

Sun. 10am. Michael Cummins, Peggy Brady.

Altar Society: Ann Heffernan, Imelda Brady.



I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit