

## Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

**Masses this weekend: 17/18th January, 2015** No. 1126

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

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

**Next weekend: Sat. 8pm.** Intentions of parishioners. **Sun. 10am.**

**Basket Collection:** €640. **Building Fund:** €120. *Many thanks* to all who contributed in the past year. For those who contribute quarterly or half yearly, a contribution may now be due.

**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 Fr. Ned Flynn, retired P.P. Ballinabrackey who died in his 99th year (oldest priest in our diocese). R.I.P.

**Marriage:** For those intending to get married, at least 3 months must be given to the parish and to the State Registrar. It is recommended that couples do "A Pre-marriage Course" with "Accord" (the Catholic Marriage Advisory Agency.)

**Baconstown Area First Responders: AGM** on Monday week 26th January in Enfield Meeting Room at 9.00pm.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** *Theme—The Well is Deep:* This year's theme comes to us from the churches of Brazil. Although the 2010 Census shows that 86.8% of the Brazilian population identify themselves as Christian, the country has very high rates of violence. A high rate of Christian affiliation does not seem to translate into a respect for human dignity. The Brazilian churches have begun to recognise that intolerance should be dealt with in a positive way - respecting diversity and promoting dialogue as a permanent path of reconciliation and peace in fidelity to the gospel. We can share this recognition.

**St. Fintina's Post Primary School, Longwood:** Enrolment for Adult Education Classes on Tuesday 20th January from 7.30-8.30pm.

**The work of Christmas begins:** When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and the princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks. The work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers and sisters, to make music in the heart.

**Variety/Benefit Evening:** *Thanks* to all who supported benefit night in aid of a comfort fund for Bernie Geraghty last Saturday night in Hamlet Court Hotel.



**Rathmolyon Hurling Club:** Lotto Nos. 11,13,16,29. 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.

**World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees:** Solidarity with migrants and refugees must be accompanied by the courage and creativity necessary to develop, on a world-wide level, a more just and equitable financial and economic order, as well as an increasing commitment to peace, the indispensable condition for all authentic progress.

***Dear migrants and refugees!*** You have a special place in the heart of the Church, and you help her to enlarge her heart and to manifest her motherhood towards the entire human family. Do not lose your faith and hope! Let us think of the Holy Family during the flight in Egypt: Just as the maternal heart of the Blessed Virgin and the kind heart of Saint Joseph kept alive the confidence that God would never abandon them, so in you may the same hope in the Lord never be wanting. I entrust you to their protection and I cordially impart to all of you my Apostolic Blessing. (Pope Francis)

**Today's Gospel -Opening doors in life:** We can probably all think of people who opened doors for us in life. Perhaps at a crucial moment in our lives they pointed us in the right direction. They were an influence for good on us; maybe they shared with us some gift they possessed, or allowed us to benefit from an experience they had or some discovery they made. We appreciate these people because they had the freedom and the generosity to give something worthwhile away for the benefit of others, rather than keeping it to themselves. That is how John Baptist is portrayed in the gospel reading this Sunday. He had come to recognize Jesus as a very special revelation of God's love. Far from keeping that discovery to himself, he shared it with his own disciples. He opened a door for them. Today we might reflect on those who have opened the doors of faith to us- first our own parents who brought us to the baptismal font as infants. Then, in the following years, they may helped us to grow in our relationship with the Lord into whom we had been baptized, bringing us to the church, praying with us, reading stories from the gospels to us, taking us to see the crib at Christmas, placing an image of the Lord or of one of the saints in our room, helping us to prepare for the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. The readings this Sunday invite us to be open to the many ways the Lord can draw us to himself, and also to the ways that he may be calling us to help him in drawing others to himself.

**Next weekend: Readers: 8pm.** Diana Forde. **10am.** Imelda Brady.

**Eucharist: 8pm.** Lily Graham, Bernard Muvihill.

**Sun. 10am.** Suzanne Brady, Maura Kirby.

**Altar Society:** Ann Heffernan, Imelda Brady.

**Cleaners:** Martina Ryan, Ettie Lewis.

**Collectors: 8pm.** John Jordan, Vernon O'Brien, John Brady.

**Sun.10am.** Michael Cummins, James Harnan, Robert Lewis.

