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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 3/4th January, 2015 No. 1124

8pm. Frances Grace. John and Maureen Doran, son Seán, daughter Theresa.

Sun. 10am. Elizabeth Rooney, 1st anniv. her husband Dan, 15th anniv.

Tuesday 6th January: *Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord* is a Holyday.

Masses at 10am and 8pm. 10am. Mass for Paddy Ennis.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: Mass at 9.30am.

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm. Lists of the Dead. **Sun. 10am.**

Basket Collection: €1,940 (Christmas and Sunday).

Many thanks. Building fund envelope due this weekend.



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.

We welcome Aoife Boggan baptised this weekend.

The Baptism of Our Lord is celebrated next weekend of 10th/11th January.

In a special way we ask God's continued blessing on all children baptised in our Parish in the past year. We invite and welcome them and their families to Mass that weekend for special prayers of blessing for parents and children.

Fr. Michael and Fr. Timothy wish you all peace & blessings for the New Year.

Thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Offerings Collection for the support of the Priests. Your support, generosity, kindness and encouragement is very much appreciated

Irish Blessing for New Year: May your joys be as bright as the morning, and your sorrows merely be shadows that fade in the sunlight of love. May you have enough happiness to keep you sweet, enough trials to keep you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to keep you happy, enough failure to keep you humble, enough success to keep you eager, enough friends to give you comfort, enough faith and courage in yourself to banish sadness, enough wealth to meet your needs and one thing more; enough determination to make each day a more wonderful day than the one before.

Chernobyl Children's International thank you for €1,244 received, proceeds of church gate collection in Rathmolyon and Jordanstown.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos. 5,17,19,29. Next week's jackpot €10,000. *Happy New Year to all players and supporters.*

New Year's Resolution: Attend daily Mass & Eucharistic Adoration when possible

Ministers of the Word: Missals for the coming year are available in the Sacristy.

For more information on St. Charles of Mount Argus and his association with Tobertynan Shrine, see rathmolyon parish website /our parish /tobertynan shrine

Today's Gospel: *Putting down roots:* What does it mean to 'have roots'? We talk about having family roots as a way of describing our connection to a place or people. Having roots somewhere means we are part of that place. When we are ready to settle down, to become part of a community and maybe even start a family, we talk about 'putting down roots'. It means we are making this place our home. It is a lovely metaphor from the plant world. A tree's roots represent its relationship with the soil it is planted in and with the elements around it. The deeper the roots, the more connected a plant is to its environment. Today's First Reading speaks of the wisdom of God 'taking root in a privileged people'. It describes it another way as 'pitching a tent'. These images offer us a way into understanding the more complex language of today's Gospel, which talks about God's relationship with us when he sent his Son: 'The Word was made flesh, he lived among us'. When God became man, he put down roots – not just in our physical world, but in humanity itself. He pitched his tent among us and became one of us. It is a connection that cannot be broken – the roots go too deep. This is the mystery we celebrate at Christmas. We are indeed a privileged people! **Intercom**

Devotions in honour of Saint Charles of Mount Argus in Rathmolyon Church on this Sunday 4th January from 3-5pm. All welcome.

Prayer for the intercession of Saint Charles: Heavenly Father, you filled Saint Charles with your Holy Spirit. In love with Christ Crucified he spent his life in prayer at the foot of the cross. From the cross he went forth to bring good news to the poor, healing to the sick and dying, and forgiveness to the sinner. Through the intercession of Saint Charles give us the graces we need. Heal our aches and pains, our hurts and wounds, our anxieties and bad memories. Free us from depressions, habits of sin, and all evil. Strengthen our faith, deepen our hope, and increase our love. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. *Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father.* Saint Charles, pray for us.

Today's Gospel:

Next weekend: Readers: Sat. 8pm. Grainne Harnan.

Sun. 10am. Anne Ennis.

Eucharist: Sat. 8pm. Geraldine Halton, Imelda Connolly.

Sun. 10am. Mary Howley, Anne Sweeny.

January: Altar Society: Ann Heffernan, Imelda Brady.

Cleaners: Martina Ryan, Ettie Lewis.

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

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

