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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 9/10th January, 2016 No. 1175

Sat. 8pm. Intentions of parishioners. **Sun. 10am.**

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

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

Basket Collection: €478. **Building fund:** €285. *Many thanks.*

Baptisms after 10am Mass on 1st Sunday and at 2pm on the 3rd Saturday. We welcome Josh Francis Farrell baptised recently.

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

Please pray for John Murray formerly of Ballivor (brother of Jim Murray, Gilbertstown) and Séamus Holdwright, Killucan (brother of Della Donegan, Newcastle). R.I.P.

Fr. Michael and Fr. Timothy wish everybody peace and joy and blessings for the New Year and thank you for your help, support and generosity.

Thanks to all who helped with the Christmas ceremonies in our church: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Society, Organist, Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Altar Servers, Collectors, Sacristans and Caretaker.

Parish Calendars available at back of church.

Thanks to members of the Baptism Team helping parents preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism. Next Baptism Meeting on Tuesday the 2nd of February.

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 last 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

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. Michael.

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.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto nos. 7,11,17,23. No winner. Next draw 4th January. Jackpot €10,000. Two chances to win for €2. Thanks to all for their support.

New Year's Resolution: Attend Daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration when possible

Chernobyl Children International: Church Gate Collection amounted to €1,113. Many thanks.

Boyne Community School, Trim: Enrolment for Adult Education takes place Monday 11th -Thursday 13th January from 12-1pm and 4-5pm. Final enrolment on Wednesday 13th from 7.00-8.30pm.

During the coming year: 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 wealth to meet your needs, Enough enthusiasm to look forward, Enough faith to banish depression, Enough determination to make each day better than yesterday.

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.

A New Year's Prayer: May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes; Not by making your path easy, But by making you sturdy to travel any path; Not by taking hardships from you, But by taking fear from your heart; Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows; Not by making your life always pleasant, But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help. God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

Today's Gospel: John the Baptist was a man whose life was driven by one mission: to point people to Jesus. We may think today of all of those people in our lives who have inspired us, strengthened our faith and pointed us to Jesus. We can think of our own Baptism today and what that means. We are all sons and daughters of God and have been moved into the life of God at our Baptism and at our Confirmation. That means that we have a responsibility in our parishes, communities, families and in society. We have a responsibility, like John did, to point the way to God.

Next weekend:

Readers Sat. 8pm. M. Downey. **10am.** S. Quinn.

Eucharist Ministers: 8pm. L. Graham, B. Mulvihill.

Sun. 10am. S. Brady, M. Kirby.

Altar Society: A. Heffernan, I. Brady.

Cleaners: M. Ryan, E. Lewis.

Collectors: 8pm. J. Jordan, V. O'Brien, J. Brady.

10am. M. Cummins, J. Harnan, R. Lewis.