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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 16/17th January, 2016 No. 1176

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

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

Next weekend: 8pm. Intentions of parishioners.

Sun. 10am. Michael Fagan, Trammon and San Francisco.

Basket Collection: €465. **Building fund:** €75. *Many thanks.*

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

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

Please pray for Kathleen Sheridan, Agher Summerhill, Tina McGinty, Johnstownbridge, niece of Eileen Greville, Rathrone and Cathy Daniels, Johnstown Road, Enfield who has died. Funeral Mass on Sunday at 1pm. R.I.P

Today the Church remembers Migrants and Refugees. In his pastoral letter for this special Sunday in 2016, Pope Francis reminded us that Jesus always considered himself among the strangers and the outcasts. He said Jesus wishes us to recognise Him in the migrants, fugitives, exiles, dispossessed and in the stranger. He asked us to share our means and wealth with them. During the past year we saw thousands of people, women, men and children, fleeing their countries because of wars and persecution. We were saddened by the pictures of refugees published in the media and their suffering goes on. Governments and each one of us ought to make sure that they are welcome and that shelter is provided for them. ***We can recite this prayer for them:*** Lord, be present to migrants and all those dispossessed. Be present to those who cannot be with their own people. Be present to those who long to see even one friendly face. Be among those who yearn for a warm greeting. Help us to reach out to your people to create a just world for all.

John Lonergan the former Governor of Mountjoy will present a talk in Baconstown School on ***Parenting -The challenges and rewards*** on Tuesday 26th January at 8pm. All welcome.

Operation Transformation Walk leaving Baconstown school carpark Monday-Friday at 9am. All welcome. Wishing all the best to Noeleen Lynam.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome: August 19th – 27th Led by Most Rev. Michael Smith. For info and booking please contact: Mullingar Travel, Austin Friar Street, Tel 044 9340587 or email connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie

Daffodil Day - Friday 11th March. Volunteers required, also people who can supply daffodils. Contact Caroline Sheridan 087 3344784.

Pope Francis first book “The Word of God is Mercy” on sale from Easons. Price €19

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto nos. 6,7,9,23. No winner. Next draw 18th January. Jackpot €10,000. Two chances to win for €2. Thanks to all for their support.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club presents Three One Act Comedies “**The last of the Last Mohicans**” “**What’s For Pudding**” “**The last Tango in Rathmolyon**” on Friday 29th & Saturday 30th January in Summerhill at 7.30pm sharp. Tickets €15 are available in Ryan’s Shop or from Terry 086-0505457.

Camogie AGM this Sunday 17th January at 6pm in Baconstown club house. If interested in getting involved in playing or mentoring any camogie team, please come along to the AGM or contact Geraldine Geraghty on 086 1999417.

Medjugorje 2016, 31st August - 7th September: fully inclusive flights, accommodation, transfers, meals, guides and accompanied by Spiritual Director. Price €649 when deposit of €100 is paid before 17th February, after that, price of €699 applies. For info call Teresa Kane, 046-9486983 or 0879657299.

Celebrating Christian Unity Week 2016 Theme: It serves as a reminder of the Christian call to: Proclaim The Mighty Acts Of the Lord’ (1 Peter 2:9)

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.

Todays Gospel - Transforming The Ordinary

This story of the Wedding Feast at Cana was remembered and recorded not to say something about wine, but to say something about Jesus. It is Jesus who has come to take the ordinary, the flat, the tasteless, the common and transform it into something robust, heady, hearty and joyful. The point is this: Jesus can transform human existence. In him is all the fullness of God. In him is life, and when he touches our lives what is common and ordinary and flat becomes beautiful. It’s important to remember that Jesus gave us life at its best, symbolized by turning water into wine, how dreadful it is to see a church that has gotten the trick backwards and continually manages to turn wine into water. A religion which is always solemn, ponderous, heavy, dull, full of thou -shalt-nots, and joyless violates the core of this text. There ought to be more joy in worship, more laughter at our committee meetings, more celebration when someone wins a victory.

Next weekend:

Readers Sat. 8pm. P. Cosgrave. **10am.** D. Cummins.

Eucharist Ministers: 8pm. K. Collins, N. Regan.

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

Altar Society: A. Heffernan, I. Brady.

Cleaners: M. Ryan, E. Lewis.

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