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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 2/3rd January, 2016 No. 1174

Sat. 8pm. Nell Fox, 1st anniv. James Fox. Frances Grace, 5th anniv. **Sun. 10am.**

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: Mass at 9.30am.

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

Masses at 11am and 8pm. (No 10am Mass)

11am. Funeral Mass for Leonard Slevin. R.I.P.

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

Basket Collection: €1,800 (Christmas & Sunday) *Many thanks.*

Building fund envelope due this weekend.

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

Eucharistic Adoration: No Adoration this week. Adoration resumes 12th Jan.

Please pray for Agnes Cassidy (mother of Barbara Murray, Rathcore) and Mary Warmington, England (sister of Peggy Gorry, New Inn, Enfield). R.I.P.

Christmas Offerings: *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.

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, Childrens Choir, Altar Servers, Collectors, Sacristans and Caretaker.

Devotions in honour of St. Charles of Mount Argus in Rathmolyon Church on Sunday 3rd January from 3-5pm. All welcome.

Prayer said by Saint Charles to Our Lady, Mother of Holy Hope.

Most Holy Virgin Mary Oh, my Mother! How sweet it is to come to thy feet, imploring thy perpetual help. If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how canst thou, the most loving of all mothers, forget me? Grant then, to me, I implore thee, thy perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations. As we are all thy children, I ask for thy unceasing help for all who are now suffering. Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners, and console all earthly mothers who are now weeping over their children. Open the gates of heaven to those we loved upon earth and who are now suffering in purgatory. Obtain for us, dear Mother, that having earnestly invoked thee on earth, we may see thee, love thee, and eternally thank thee hereafter in heaven. Amen. Mother of Holy Hope, pray for us

Parish Calendars available at back of church.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: 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

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

The Baptism of Our Lord is celebrated next weekend 9/10th January. In a special way we ask God's continued blessing on all children baptised in our parish last year.

Peace Light of Bethlehem: The Peace candle will remain lit at all Masses at the beginning of the New Year.

Parish Website: For those who are home at Christmas you can keep in touch with parish activities by logging on to www.rathmolyonparish.ie

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.

Today's Gospel: Pope Frances "Let us not lose confidence in the family!" he said. "It is beautiful when we can always open our hearts to one another, and hide nothing. Where there is love, there is also understanding & forgiveness. The Pope connected the Feast of the Holy Family to the Catholic Church's Year of Mercy. "In the Year of Mercy, every Christian family can become a privileged place on this pilgrimage for experiencing the joy of forgiveness," he said. "Forgiveness is the essence of the love which can understand mistakes and mend them. How miserable we would be if God did not forgive us! Within the family we learn how to forgive, because we are certain that we are understood and supported, whatever the mistakes we make." Pope Francis encouraged the congregation in St. Peter's Square to share moments of family prayer. "What can be more beautiful than for a father and mother to bless their children at the beginning and end of each day, to trace on their forehead the sign of the cross, as they did on the day of their baptism?" he said. "Is this not the simplest prayer which parents can offer for their children?" It is also important for families to join in a brief prayer before meals "in order to thank the Lord for these gifts and to learn how to share what we have received with those in greater need." "These are all little gestures, yet they point to the great formative role played by the family in the pilgrimage of everyday life," he said.

Next weekend:

Readers Sat. 8pm. M. McGrath. **10am.** V. O'Brien.

Eucharist Ministers: 8pm. L. Cosgrave, G. Harnan.

Sun. 10am. M. Cummins, P. Brady.

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.