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## Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

**Masses this weekend: 31st Dec./1st Jan. 2017** No. 1225. *New Year's Day. Feast Day of Mary the Mother of God. World Day of Prayer for Peace.*

**Sat. 8pm.** For all who died in the past year.

**Sun. 10am.** Intentions of parishioners.

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

**Friday 6th January - Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord is a Holyday.**

Masses in Rathmolyon at 10am and 8pm and in Jordanstown at 9am and 7pm.

**Next weekend: Sat. 8pm.** Mary O'Brien, m.m. Frances Grace, 6th Anniversary. James and Helen Fox. Maureen Doran, her husband Jack, daughter Teresa, son Seán, daughter-in-law Alice and deceased relatives.

**Sun. 10am.** Intentions of parishioners.

**Plate Collection:** €1,630 (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day). Many thanks.

**Building fund:** Many thanks to everybody for their support and generosity to the Building Fund which supports the upkeep and maintenance of our Churches, graveyards and all parish properties. **Building fund envelope due this weekend.**

**Eucharistic Adoration:** No Adoration this week.

**Adoration** resumes on Tuesday 10th January.

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

**Christmas Offerings: Thanks** to all who contributed to the Christmas Offerings last weekend. Your support, generosity and encouragement is much appreciated.

**The Baptism of Our Lord** is celebrated next weekend. In a special way we ask God's continued blessing on all children baptized in our parish in the past year. Their names are in the Crib.

**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 Caretakers.

**If anyone** is ill in hospital or at home and would like a visit, please contact Parochial House and we will arrange same.

**Fr. Timothy and Fr. Michael** wish everybody peace and joy for the New Year.

**Devotions in honour of St. Charles of Mount Argus** in Rathmolyon Church on Sunday 8th January from 3-5pm. All welcome.

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

**Rathmolyon Hurling Club:** Thanks to everybody for their support during the year and we wish everyone a Happy New Year.

**Enfield/Rathmolyon Parish Mission** in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on **Monday 13th, 20th, 27th Feb. and Mon. 6th March, 8-9pm** in Rathmolyon Church. Theme: *Faith nourished, celebrated and lived.*



Our Churches are at the centre of the Faith life of our Parish.

Jordanstown Church is well over 150 years old, while Rathmolyon Church celebrates the 50th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone in 2017. As a help in nourishing and strengthening our Faith we have organised a Parish Mission for four consecutive Monday nights from 13th February to 6th March inclusive from 8-9pm. The Mission will be dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The Mission Service each evening will take place in Rathmolyon church and will include some congregational singing, Readings from Scripture and a talk delivered by a guest speaker. The theme of each week's service will relate to a specific area of faith, and each night people will have the opportunity to offer their own petitions. (More details later)

**Chernobyl Childrens Church Gate Collection** this weekend.

**An Irish Blessing for the 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.

**Today's Gospel: Treasure and ponder** - If you're anything like me, you sometimes have to make a deliberate effort to slow down. Life can be so busy that sometimes there is little time left to think. Even our downtime can be full of activities and noise, whether we're into sports; video games; sitting down with a good book, movie or box set; or networking on social media. It can sometimes be difficult to remember the last time we sat down by ourselves in a quiet room. In today's Gospel, Mary stands in contrast to the shepherds who hurried and talked and spread the word and praised God. Of course, there is a time for these things, and the excitement of the shepherds is palpable – they had found their Saviour. No doubt Mary and Joseph shared in their joyful enthusiasm. But when things quietened down again, we are told that Mary 'treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart'. Mary sets a good example for us, taking time to meditate on all that is happening. As we start a new year afresh, we could do a lot worse than take Mary as our model. In our hectic world, we need to take time to sit quietly, to treasure and ponder, and to allow ourselves to delve deep into the mysteries of life.

**Next weekend:**

**(Check rota for 6th Jan. Holy Day)**

**Readers: Sat. 8pm** S. Downey. **Sun. 10am.** F. Long

**Eucharistic Ministers: 8pm.** M. Howley, A. Heffernan.

**Sun. 10am.** B. Downey, R. Maguire.

**Altar Society:** A. Heffernan, I. Brady.

**Cleaners:** M. McLoughlin, E. Lewis, J. Pearle, G. Foylan

**Collectors: Sat. 8pm.** M. Mc Guane, M. Martin, M. Forde,

**Sun. 10am.** B. Grimes, J. Brady, R. Lewis

