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## Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

**Masses this weekend: 11/12th July, 2015** No. 1151

**Sat. 8pm.** Billy O'Neill, m.m. Kathleen Casey.

**Sun. 10am.** Saoirse Fahey. Maura McCormack.

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

**Next weekend: Sat. 8pm.** Bernie Fagan. Patrick & Kathy Maguire.

**Sun. 10am.** Seán Christie, John and Bridget Cooke, Mattie Kerrigan, George Foster.

**Basket Collection:** €400. **Building fund:** €145.

**Baptisms** after 10am Mass on 1st Sunday and 2pm on 3rd Saturday. All parents with children for baptism are invited to a short meeting in Enfield Parish Meeting Room on the first Tuesday of every month at 8.30 pm.

**We welcome** Conor Michael Finnegan baptised this weekend.

**Parish Golf Classic:** At present there is approx. €21,000 profit. *Many thanks.*

**Baconstown First Responders** are launching "message in a bottle" after Mass this weekend. Each household will get an empty bottle which can be placed in the egg compartment in your fridge. Into the bottle you can put details of medical history, medication and next of kin where such details can be found in case of an emergency.

**Parish Survey:** Thanks to all who returned completed surveys. For anybody who may have been away on holidays surveys can be returned to the church or parochial house as soon as possible.

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival:** Cistercian College, Roscrea, Tipperary. Thursday 13th - Sun. 16th August. For young people aged 16-35. An opportunity not to be missed with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland. Inspiring talks, workshops, dramas, concert, prayer games, and times of sharing. The Festival is donation only. Free buses from around the country. see www.youth2000.ie

**An Post Meath Heritage Cycle Tour** will be held over the weekend 25th and 26th July. The 11km family spin is on Saturday 25th at 5pm - register on the day from 2pm, €3 per person. Register online for the 50km, 100km & 160km distances, all taking place on Sunday 26th. Early bird is available until 16th July - registration closes on 22nd July. Check out www.meathsports.ie

**Travelling in Ireland:** Why not take in the beautifully new restored Longford Cathedral and/or the newly refurbished Basilica in Knock. Both through the tremendous work done give glory and praise to God and the work of human hands.

**Rathmolyon Hurling Club:** Lotto Nos. 2,6,18,19. **Next week's jackpot €10,000**

**Pray for a miracle at October Synod: Pope Francis**

Pope Francis began his nine-day apostolic visit to Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay by urging the faithful to pray for a miracle at the October Synod of Bishops on the family. The Pope called for prayers for a miracle, so that the Church might find new and effective solutions to the problems of the contemporary family. "Families today need such a miracle," the Pope told over 500,000 people at the Parque Samanes, in the city of Guayaquil. With God's grace, the Church can transform "what might seem to us impure, scandalous, or frightening," he said. In his homily at the Mass on Monday in Guayaquil, a major port city on the Pacific Ocean and 265 kms from Quito, Pope Francis spoke about the miracle at Cana, and encouraged the congregation to follow the example set by the Virgin Mary. "She teaches us to put our families in God's hands, to pray, to kindle the hope which shows us that our concerns are also God's concerns," he said. "The family," he said, "is the nearest hospital, the first school for the young, the best home for the elderly." Reminding his listeners that the family is the "domestic Church," the Pope emphasised the importance of prayer, which "always lifts us out of our worries and concerns." He said that in family life, as at Cana, "miracles are performed with what little we have." Pope Francis urged the faithful to help those families that are troubled, "those who have run out of wine, those who drink only of discouragement." For all those families that follow Mary's advice, and do what Jesus tells them, the Pope said, the best wine is still to come.

**We welcome** Fr. Cornelius while Fr. Timothy is on his summer leave.

**Today's Gospel:** Jesus sends out the twelve to all the surrounding towns and villages. In all our different roles in society, we too are sent out "ahead of Him" as teachers, parents, ministers of various kinds, politicians, educators, social workers, students, nurses, whatever category we want to put ourselves into. The twelve in this passage are told to take nothing with them, no airs or graces, no judgments, no prejudices, just to go as they are and to meet people where they are at. We are all responsible for our Church, not just a select few. We all have different roles to play, we all have responsibilities. Instead of wondering what is going to happen in the future and why the "labourers are so few", remember that Jesus sent out the twelve ahead of Him and expects us all to play our role as leaders, as workers, as ministers, as people of God working together so that the "Kingdom of God is near". Pope Francis encourages us "Do not be a part-time Christian, at certain moments, in certain circumstances, in certain choices. Be a Christian at all times".

**Next weekend: Readers: 8pm.** K. Cummins. **10am.** I. Brady.

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

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

**Altar Society:** M. Murray, P. Brady.

**Cleaners:** M. Dixon, M. Kerrigan, A. O'Neill.

**Collectors: 8pm.** M. McGuane, M. Martin, M. Payne.

**10am.** S. Quinn, S. Dempsey, M. Forde.