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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 18/19th July, 2015 No. 1152

Sat. 8pm. Bernie Fagan. Patrick & Kathy Maguire.

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

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

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm. Patrick Maguire and grandparents.

Sun. 10am. John and Tess Hunt. John McLoughlin.

Basket Collection: €425. **Building fund:** €75.

Baptisms after 10am Mass on 1st Sunday and 2pm on 3rd Saturday. Next Baptism Meeting on Tues. 4th August in Enfield Parish Meeting Room at 8.30 pm. **We welcome** April Frances Larkin baptised this weekend.

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

Please pray for Patrick Sheridan, Mucklon, father of Tommy Sheridan, Blackwater, Enfield and Martin Brilly, Clarkstown, Summerhill, brother of Vincent Brilly, Baconstown who has died. R.I.P.

Parish Survey: Thanks to all who returned completed surveys. For people away on holidays surveys can be returned to the church or parochial house.

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. Inspiring talks, workshops, dramas, concert, prayer games, and times of sharing. The Festival is donation only. Free buses. see www.youth2000.ie

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 12th - 17th September. Led by Bishop Michael Smith. Prices from €689 all inclusive. Booking forms from Enfield Parochial House or telephone 01 6359300.

Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick: Garland Friday - July 24th (Local pilgrimage). Mass on the summit at 10.00am. Mass in Croagh Patrick car park at 7.30pm.

Reek Sunday: 26th July: Confessions on the summit from 7.30am - 2.00pm. Mass on the summit every half hour from 8.00am - 2.00pm

Enfield Playground Association wish to invite you to the Official Opening of Enfield Playground & Family Fun Afternoon on Saturday 25th July from 1-3pm. There shall be a BBQ, Superhero's, Face Painters and lots more on the day.

Clann Mór Respite Centre: *Thanks* to all who supported recent church gate collection. Amount collected €323.

Baconstown First Responders B.B.Q Friday 1st August in Rathcore Golf Club.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos. 1,4,10,18. **Next week's jackpot €10,000**

“Laudato Si” (“Praised Be”) As parishioners will be aware, Pope Francis issued an important document called an Encyclical Letter last month. It deals with care for our common home or the ecological crisis that faces the human race. Some quotes from “Laudato Si”

- The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth.
- Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth.
- Nobody is suggesting a return to the Stone Age, but we do need to slow down and look at reality in a different way.
- Is it realistic to hope that those who are obsessed with maximising profits will stop to reflect on the environmental damage which they will leave behind for future generations?
- What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?
- In response to electoral interests, governments are reluctant to upset the public...the myopia of power politics delays the inclusion of a far-sighted environmental agenda.
- All is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good and making a new start.

In the Jesus Story today, we are told that his companions hadn't time to eat, with all the comings and goings, and the rush of life. Our world too, gets faster and faster. Jesus invites his companions to come away to a lonely place to find themselves, to ask who am I, and I am who. Henri Nouwen talks about human life being like a cart wheel, with hub and spokes. Spokes are the comings and goings of hectic action. Hub is the heart, the spirit, that keeps together the balance. So he advises, to give our human hub, moments of quiet, with a candle light, with a Hail Mary or Our Father, or a slow sign of The Cross, or a moments kneeling, or touching a personal medal or Rosary bead. As in today's story the activities, stresses, and challenges of life, don't go away. The crowd were still there in the quiet place waiting for Jesus and his companions, but somehow attitude was changed and things were seen differently. We get help to handle the situation better. Jesus took pity on them. They were like sheep without a shepherd.

Next weekend: Readers: 8pm. K. Brehony. **10am.** N. Regan.

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

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

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.