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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 25/26th July, 2015 No. 1153

Sat. 8pm. Patrick Maguire and grandparents.

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

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

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm. Bridie Boyle. **Sun.10am.** Ned & Vera McManus.

Basket Collection: €415. **Building fund:** €115. Many thanks.

Building fund envelope due next weekend.

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.

Parish Golf Classic: At present there is approx. €22,000 profit. *Many thanks.*

Please pray for Fr. John Brogan, P.P. Kilskyre, Fr. Willie Cleary, P.P. Mornington, Maureen Henry, Kilskyre (mother of Fr. Seán Henry, P.P. Trim) and John Connell, Thomastown (brother of Jimmy Connell). 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.

St. Raphael's Celbridge: Many thanks to all who supported recent collection. €240 was received.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival: Cistercian College, Roscrea, 13th-16th Aug. The Festival is donation only. Free buses. see www.youth2000.ie

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 9th August. Bus leaving Rathmolyon Church at 8.45am. Fare: €20 adult, €10 child. Further details phone 046 9555215/086 8616780.

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.

Baconstown First Responders: B.B.Q on Friday 1st August in Rathcore Golf Club. Admission €20.

This Week in The Irish Catholic: Page 17 Kidnappings of clergy and laity in Syria and Iraq. **Page 18** Situation in Gaza continues to deteriorate.

Page 20 It takes a parish to produce a priest and Lough Derg offers true equality to pilgrims. **Pages 1 & 2** Rural Ireland is 'dying on its feet'.

Dancing: Hamlet Court Hotel this Sunday 26th July from 9.30pm. Music by Eamon and Lorna.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos. 9,15,16,30 **Next week's jackpot €10,000**

Enfield Playground: Congratulations to all involved with the official opening of Enfield Playground and getting the project to where it is today.

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.

Grandparents: Today the 26th July is the feast day of St. Joachim and Anne (parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary). We pray for all grandparents. May the Lord reward them for all they have done and continue to do for us.

The Persecution Of Christians: St. Paul tells us that we are one body. If one part suffers, every part suffers. If one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it (cf. 1 Cor. 12:26). Very many Christians are persecuted today in the Middle East, Nigeria, Kenya, Pakistan and elsewhere. Each month: 322 Christians are killed for their faith 214 churches and parish properties are destroyed. 772 acts of violence are committed against Christians (such as beatings, abductions, unjust arrests and forced migrations). Please remember our Christian brothers and sisters in your prayers and acts of solidarity.

Today's Gospel • 'Spiritual Fast Food'

There are many things to reflect on in today's Gospel. It is rich in symbolism and you can imagine yourself in the many different characters of the text today. The people who had gathered were hungry in every sense of the word and Jesus and the disciples are faced with a huge dilemma. When we are faced with a huge challenge, our attitude towards it is key. Some of us are like Philip, stating the facts but unable to see a way out of the situation. Some are like Andrew, who sees the young boy with the small amount of provisions he had, yet he is unable to see how they may be of use. Sometimes we can be the people sitting, hungry, in poverty (physical or spiritual) waiting for someone to come and show us the way. Have you ever wondered about this young boy? He handed over the little he had, perhaps confused yet hoping it would do something to help the situation they were in. It is a powerful gesture and one that reminds us that it is not the size of the gifts or the expectation of return that is important. How must he have felt when he saw the events unfold? Jesus turns these small resources into something truly amazing. Very often we can react like Andrew and not see the value in the small gestures. Jesus satisfies the deep hunger within and shows the crowd that he is someone to hope in. We must never think that our small resources and gifts are not enough to do amazing things.

Next weekend:

Readers: 8pm. M. Ui Raghallaigh. **10am.** K. Collins

Eucharist Ministers: 8pm. G. Halton, I. Connolly.

Sun. 10am. M. Howley, A. Sweeny.

Altar Society: T. Smith, B. Rochford.

Cleaners: M. Mulvihill, L. McEnroe, B. Downey.

Collectors: 8pm. R. O'Brien, P. Ennis, C. O'Brien.

10am. G. Cunningham, D. Larkin, P. Farrell.