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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 9th/10th July 2016 No. 1200.

Sat. 8pm. Paddy Brady, m.m. Stephanie and Eddie Carr and deceased relatives. Patrick and Bridget Doherty and deceased relatives.

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

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: Service of Readings and Holy Communion at 9.30am.

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm. Paul and Kathleen Maguire. Bernie Fagan, Kilbeg.

Sun. 10am. Saoirse Fahey, Maura McCormack. Seán Christie.

Plate Collection: €490. **Building fund:** €280. *Many thanks.*

Please pray for Fr. Nik Houlihan, St. Camillan's, Killucan. R.I.P.

Eucharistic Adoration: *Tuesdays* 10am-10pm. *Wed.* 10-11am and 6-10pm.

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

St. Camillus: Annual Novena in St. Camillus, Killucan 14th - 17th July. Veneration of the relics of St. Camillus, confessions and prayers for the sick at 6.00pm and Mass at 7pm. **Feast of St. Camillus - 17th July:** Mass at 10.30am Main celebrant Bishop Smith. **Night Vigil** of thanksgiving in the evening. Holy Hour, candle lit procession and Mass from 10pm to 2am.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 14th August. A bus will be leaving from the parish. More details later.

Ordination: Rev. Warren Collier's Ordination as a priest for our Diocese will take place today, Sunday 10th July at 3pm in St. Mary's Church, Drogheda. Please keep him in your prayers. For more information on vocations contact Fr Joe - fjoeocampbell@gmail.com or phone 0866036506.

The Rathmolyon Church Working Group are seeking new volunteers to help with the cleaning and garnishing of the Church. Currently there are 32 volunteers involved. A further 16 volunteers would allow a full complement of 4 people in each group for each of the 12 months of the year. The Working Group (including Fr. Michael and Fr. Timothy) sincerely thank all who have provided this wonderful service to their Church for many years. Male helpers are particularly welcome. Those wishing to volunteer can give their names to Margaret Bagnall (0860866285)

Medjugorje 2016: 31st August to 7th September. Fully inclusive flights, accommodation, transfers, meals, guides and accompanied by Spiritual Director. Cost €699. Call Teresa Kane 087 9657299 or 046 9486983.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service: Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th July from 4.30pm to 8.00pm.

Rathmolyon I.C.A. thank all who took part in the recent History Walk of the Village. €185 was collected and has been sent to the Laura Lynn Hospice.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto nos. 3,21,27,28 No winner. Next draw 11th July.

Parish Golf Classic: At present there is approx. €20,800 profit. Many thanks.

A Retreat for young adults 18 - 40 years in St. Columban's, Dalgan Park, Navan from 22-24 July (Fri. evening - Sun. afternoon). **Theme:** Rejoice always in The Lord. An opportunity to step aside from everyday concerns to reflect on the meaning of life. Contact: Sr. Una 0906481666, Cost: Donation only. Includes own room, full board and magnificent grounds.

An Post Meath Heritage Cycle Tour will be held over the weekend of 23rd and 24th July. The 11km family spin will take place on Saturday 23rd at 5pm - register on the day from 2pm, €3 per person. The 50km, 100km and 160km distances are all taking place on Sunday 24th. Early bird is available until 14th July - registration closes on 20th July. Check out: www.meathsports.ie for further details or contact Meath LSP on 0469067337.

The Somme Remembered: **1.** The Battle of the Somme is synonymous with remembrance of the First World War and the futility of trench warfare. Fighting at the Battle of the Somme began on 1st July 1916 and lasted four and a half months. **2.** In total, 60 nations from across the British Commonwealth and Europe were involved in the fighting across a 25 kilometer front. **3.** There were almost 60,000 Allied casualties on the first day of the battle. Of these 2000 were from Ireland (mainly men of the 36th Ulster Division, the only unit to secure its objective that day, and the Irish of Tyneside and Liverpool). **4.** 460 men from the now Republic of Ireland died on July 1st 1916. **5.** The German losses were estimated to be 8,000. **6.** Later in the battle between September 1st- 9th, similar losses would be suffered by the men of the 16th (Irish) Division during their successful liberation of the Somme villages of Guillemont and Ginchy. Among the Irish dead were the poet and Nationalist M.P. Tom Kettle.

Poem: To my daughter Betty, The gift of God In wiser days, my darling rosebud, blown To beauty proud as was your mother's prime. In that desired, delayed, incredible time, You'll ask why I abandoned you, my own, And the dear heart that was your baby throne, To dice with death. And oh! They'll give you rhyme And reason: some will call the thing sublime, And some decry it in a knowing tone. So here, while the mad guns curse overhead, And tired men sigh with mud for couch and floor, Know that we fools, now with the foolish dead, Died not for flag, nor King, nor Emperor, But for a dream, born in a herdsman's shed, And for the secret Scripture of the poor. **T. Kettle**

Next weekend:

Readers: Sat. 8pm. U. Griffin. **10am.** B. Fahy.

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

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

Altar Society: M. Murray, P. Brady.

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

Collectors: Sat. 8pm. J. Jordan, M. Jordan, D. Downey.

Sun. 10am. M. Cummins, S. Dempsey, K. Halton.

