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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 16th/17th July 2016 No. 1201.

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

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

Tuesday and Wednesday: Service of Readings & Holy Communion at 9.30am.

Thursday and Friday: Mass at 9 30am

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm. Intentions of parishioners.

Sun. 10am. Lists of Dead

Plate Collection: €479. **Building fund:** €65. *Many thanks.*

Please pray for Margaret Higgins, Trammon, Dick Dwyer Prosperous, brother of Aidan Dwyer, Church View, Rathmolyon, John Hendron, Longwood and Knightsbridge Nursing Home, and Frank Mullan Main Street, Enfield 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.

Feast of St. Camillus - 17th July: Mass at 10.30am Main celebrant Bishop Michael Smith. **Night Vigil** of thanksgiving in the evening. Holy Hour, candle lit procession and Mass from 10pm to 2am.

We welcome Fr. Leo Ilah who will be joining us for the next number of weeks while Fr Timothy is on holidays.

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. Male helpers are particularly welcome. Those wishing to volunteer can contact Margaret Bagnall (0860866285)

World Youth Day Krakow, Poland 2016: On Monday, Bishop Michael will lead 50 young pilgrims from the Diocese to Kraków, Poland for World youth Day 2016. The young pilgrims are travelling overland to Poland, stopping in Ghent, Belgium (the city where St Oliver Plunkett was consecrated Bishop) and the city of Płock, Poland (where Fr Janusz Ługowski, Polish Chaplain in our Diocese hails from) before heading to Kraków for World Youth Day, which culminates in Mass with the Holy Father, Pope Francis and an estimated 2 1/2 million other young pilgrims on Sunday 31st July. The diocesan group will visit the Shrine of the Divine Mercy, the National Shrine of Pope St John Paul, the Church where the first apparition of the Divine Mercy to St Faustina took place, as well as Auschwitz Concentration Camp. Please keep the pilgrimage in your prayers. Updates, Videos and Pictures can be followed on www.dioceseofmeath.ie

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

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto nos. 7,10,18,26.No winner. Next draw 11th July.

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

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.

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.

Lough Derg Season Dates: Three Day Pilgrimage Wednesday 1st June to Saturday 13th August 2016. You may begin your Three Day Pilgrimage on any day between the above dates. (Three Day Pilgrimage ends on 15th August) .

One Day Retreats August 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30 September 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 24.

Todays Gospel: Jesus and hospitality - God's footprints

The half door on the old Irish house had many functions. It kept the animals out while allowing the family to look out. It also made for openness and hospitality for all who passed by. The traveller was welcomed and the one walking by could rest for a while. We were open to the world and the world to us, and we felt safe. Hospitality was important in Jesus' time. He made many a visit to the house of Martha and Mary, staying there when he wanted to go to Jerusalem. They enjoyed having him – Mary just sat there listening to him – the stranger, now a friend, who told stories of how life could best be lived. I can imagine him telling the parables in their house The people then had a belief in the travelling and pilgrim God, the one who came our way often. The first reading is about strangers being entertained and the people didn't know that the Lord was visiting them. When we open our heart and home to the stranger and to the neighbour we are receiving God into our lives. The Indian poet Tagore writes – 'and when you left I saw God's footprints on the floor.' Our fear of break-ins and of robbery today is destroying an easy accessibility in our neighbourhoods. Casual hospitality is more difficult than in the days of the half-door. Maybe Facebook and Twitter and other social media fulfil some of this function, impersonal though it may be. We cannot live in isolation. '*Self knows that self is not enough*' writes the poet, Brendan Kennelly. For friendship and love, especially when I find it in unexpected places and people, thank you, Lord.

Donal Neary S.J.

Next weekend:

Readers: Sat. 8pm. D. Forde. **10am.** E. Crowley.

Eucharist Ministers: 8pm. N. Regan, M. Howley.

Sun. 10am. S. Brady, G. Halton.

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.

