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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 15/16th July, 2017 No. 1253.

Sat. 8pm. Nora Ennis, m.m. Bernie Fagan, Kilbeg. Sheila and Andrew Tuite.

Sun. 10am. Saoirse Fahey. Maura McCormack. John McLoughlin. Margaret Higgins, 1st anniv. and Johnny Higgins.

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

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm. Paul and Catherine Maguire. Mary Mahon, Ballinaskea.

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

Plate Collection: €365. **Building fund:** €30. *Many thanks.*

Please pray for Edward Dixon, Longwood, brother of Gerry from Corballis and Joe Kenny, Clarkestown, Summerhill. R.I.P.

Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Sept 12 – 17: The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Sept 12-17 and will be led by Bishop Smith. The fare is € 729 for full board and inclusive of insurance and travel taxes. To book contact: Pilgrimages Abroad Ltd. tel. 01-6359300

Visit of Relic of St. Teresa of Calcutta: A Relic of St Teresa of Calcutta will visit Mullingar Cathedral on 26th July as part of a tour of veneration across Ireland. The relic – a muslin cloth marked with the blood of the Saint and encased in a cross. The tour was organised by the Knights of Columbanus, who have been loaned the relic by the Mother Teresa Centre of the Missionaries of Charity.

Lough Derg: Traditional Three Day Pilgrimage: Every day from now until Sunday 13th August. Boats between 10.30am and 3.15pm daily. Public bus service and group organised pilgrimages available. For further information contact the Lough Derg Office Tel: 071 9861518 or email: info@loughderg.org

Youth 2000 Summer Festival Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary 17th - 20th August for young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1400 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation-only. Free buses from all around Ireland. For info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or Tel: 016753690.

Free English Classes and English as a Foreign Language: Do you want to learn English or improve your spoken or written English. Free English Classes are available. Contact the B.R.E.D.A. Centre, Johnstown Bridge for details. Tel: 046-941099.

Prayer for young people Let us pray for our young people whose lives lie ahead of them, that they may go forward with open and receptive minds to meet their future, that they may learn to live with life's uncertainties and face up to disappointments, that they may learn to accept themselves and not lose heart. Source: "Your Word is Near, Contemporary Christian Prayers" by Huub Oosterhuis.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos. 9,12,22,23 Next draw Monday 17th July. **Cul Camp** takes place this week in Rathmolyon Hurling Club grounds

Sunday 16th July - Feast of St. Camillus: Mass at 10.30am will be at the grotto of Our Lady of Fatima in the grounds. There will be a night vigil of gratitude with torchlight procession that evening from 10pm until 2am.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday: 10am-10pm. **Wednesday:** 10-11am & 6-10pm.



Famine in East Africa: A National Church collection will be held on the weekend of 22nd July to fund life saving aid for people currently affected by the devastating hunger crisis in East Africa. The money raised will go directly to Trócaire's emergency response, which is helping to deliver food, water, healthcare and other life saving aid to people affected. Severe drought, driven by climate change, is currently affecting Kenya, South Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia, and this has resulted in failed harvests and the widespread death of livestock. Approximately 25 million people have been left facing severe food shortages. Conflict has exacerbated the effects in South Sudan and Somalia, with areas in both countries now on the verge of famine. Announcing the collection, Archbishop Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, said the situation is critical and urged support for the collection from parishioners.

We welcome Fr. Charles Nweze from Idah diocese in Nigeria who will join us while Fr. Timothy is on annual leave. He teaches in the seminary in Makurdi.

Today's Gospel The gospel is a story about people trying to do well and often not much comes from it. One mother said, 'I hope I'll see some of my children at the altar again before I die'. A football trainer said, I wish we won matches when he was in school – but the fruit of all the hours came later when he scored goals for the county! A big point of this story is about the fruits – 30-, 60-, 100-fold. When we work at love or faith, the deeper things of life, some-thing good happens. We try to hand on faith in the family and school situations. Sometimes we feel we see little return for our work. Or we give time to the family in many ways and see little return for our love. The consoling point of the story – we never know when or where there will be the fruits of our love ... Love given is never lost. Like dropping something into the river, you never know where it will end up. Love given to children in the family may bear fruit in the next generation. We never know. Good may be done in a son's or daughter's new country from the seeds of faith planted at home. Part of life is trial and effort. Jesus' attitude was the same. He 'threw' out love like the sower throws out the seed. He knows it may fall on hard ground, but he gives it anyway. He gave love on Calvary to everyone. God is like that. It may take years to flower. God doesn't stint the seed, nor does he stint love. *On your inbreath, echo the word 'love'. On the outbreath send this love to someone who may need it now. May I live, Lord, in your love that never ends?*

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Next weekend:

Readers: Sat. 8pm. M. McGrath. **Sun. 10am.** S. Quinn.

Eucharistic Ministers: 8pm. B. Mulvihill, E. Delgarno.

Sun. 10am. A. Sweeny, G. Harnan.

Altar Society: M. Murray, P. Brady. **Cleaners:** A. O'Neill

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

Sun. 10am. S. Dempsey, K. Halton, N. Howley.

