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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 29/30th July, 2017 No. 1254.

Sat. 8pm. Patrick Maguire and grandparents

Sun. 10am. Lists of the Dead.

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

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm.

Sun 10am. Intentions of Parishioners

National Church collection last weekend in aid of 25million people facing hunger crisis in east-Africa: Kenya, South Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia.

Plate Collection: €680. Thanks are expressed to all who generously supported the special collection. Due to the severity of the situation in East Africa, it is hoped to get the money to Trocaire as soon as possible in order to try and help the people who are starving and suffering.

“The large numbers of people affected may shock us but we must realise that behind these stark numbers are real people, mother and fathers unable to provide for their hungry children” *Archbishop Eamon Martin.*

“The world is distracted by the actions of a handful of powerful politicians, while in east Africa millions suffer in silence” – *Bishop William Crean*

Please pray for Conor Grogan, Dublin, brother of Eugene, Possextown and Johnny Prendergast, Johnstown Road, Enfield. R.I.P.

Friday is the First Friday. The sick and housebound will be attended on Friday.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 13th August. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Michael Smith. Bus leaving Rathmolyon Church at 8.45am returning at 9pm. Fare €20 adults, €5 children, includes tea on arrival in Knock. For booking phone 046 95 55215 or 086 8616780.

Lough Derg: You may begin the Three Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Sunday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary. Further information regarding public transport from Maureen on 071 9851518. www.loughderg.org

Irish Blood Transfusion Service: Kilcock GAA Sports Centre on Tuesday 1st August 4.30pm-8.00pm.

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

Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 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. Contact Pilgrimages Abroad tel. 01-6359300.

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.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos. 2,7,23,26. Next draw 31st July.

Fixtures: IHC this Sunday Rathmolyon v Gaeil Colmcille in Trim at 1pm.

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

Anyone with community items for the newsletter please forward them to: michaeljawhittaker@gmail.com before Thursday evening



Today groups come from all over the world to Croagh Patrick on pilgrimage. According to tradition people have been climbing this mountain continuously since the Stone Age to the present day.

Pre-Christians went there to celebrate the beginning of Autumn.

Saint Patrick spent forty days fasting there in 441AD. We welcome the month of August and pray that there will be a bountiful harvest and good weather in which to save it. Be with us Jesus during this month. Amen.

The Pope's intention for this month is : That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

Words to live by: 1. Prayer is not a “spare wheel” you pull out when in trouble but a “steering wheel” which directs you on the right path throughout.

2. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.

3. Life is a coin. You can spend any way you wish but you can only spend it once.

Pattern for Living 1. Make up your mind to be happy. Learn to find pleasure in simple things. 2. Make the best of your circumstances. No one has everything and everyone has something intermingled with the gladness of life. The trick is to make the laughter outweigh the tears. 3. Don't take yourself too seriously. Don't think that somehow you should be protected from misfortunes that befell others. 4. You can't please everybody. Don't let criticism hurt you. 5. Don't let your neighbours set your standards. Be yourself. 6. Do things you enjoy doing, but stay out of debt. 7. Don't borrow trouble. Imaginary things are harder to bear than the actual ones. 8. Since hate poisons the soul, do not cherish enmities or grudges. Avoid people who make you unhappy. 9. Have many interests. If you can't travel, read about new places. Don't hold post-mortems. Don't spend your life brooding over sorrows or mistakes. Don't be one who never gets over things. 11. Do what you can for those less fortunate than yourself. 12. Keep busy at something.

A busy person never has time to be unhappy. **Robert Louis Stephenson 1850-1894**

From: “Words of Comfort Book” Compiled by Fr. Daniel Cronin

Celebrating 50 Years of our Church

Next weekend:

Readers: Sat. 8pm. C. Flynn. **Sun. 10am.** B. Fahy.

Eucharistic Ministers: 8pm. L. Grehan, M. Mulvihill.

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

Altar Society: B. Rochford, T. Smith.

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

Collectors: Sat. 8pm. C. O'Brien, P. Ennis, A. Forde.

Sun. 10am. G. Cunningham, D. Larkin, J. Crowley.

