

Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 8/9th July, 2017 No. 1252.

Sat. 8pm. Stephanie, Jim and Eddie Carr and family.

10am. Martin and Mary Kearney.

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

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm. Nora Ennis, m.m. Bernie Fagan, Kilbeg.

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

Plate Collection: €350. Building fund: €275. Many thanks.

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

Please pray for Marie Murtagh, Longwood and Nora Keily, nee O’Gorman, Walkinstown and formerly Gilbertstown, Longwood. Funeral Mass on Monday at 10am in Church of the Holy Spirit, Greenhills and burial afterwards in Kill Cemetery. R.I.P.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 13th August. A bus will be leaving from the parish. More details later.

Rathmolyon Church: This weekend marks the 50th Anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone for the building of our Church here in Rathmolyon. The project took twelve months to complete and the Church was officially opened in July 1968. A huge amount of work was carried out by many people in the Parish to raise funds and help in the construction of the Church. Over the course of the next twelve months we will organise a number of events to acknowledge work done and also provide the people of the Parish with an opportunity to celebrate the occasion. More details to follow. You will see some information, photographs and artefacts in the porch related to the events of 50 years ago.

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 2017 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 travelling from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or Tel: 016753690.

Monthly Public Rosary to mark the Centenary of Fatima. The next Public Rosary will be on Saturday 15th July at 4pm on Market Street, Trim (under the courthouse clock). Contact H. Dempsey 086 0776537.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos. 1,3,13,18. Next draw Monday 10th July.

Race Night in aid of Na Fianna Footballers on Sat 15th July in the Bridge Bar at 9pm.

Annual Novena to St. Camillus: St. Camillus, Killucan from 13th - 16th July from 6pm with Mass at 7pm. Speaker: Yvonne Lynam, Stephen Cummins and Fr. Denis Sandham. Each evening will include: Veneration of the relics of the Saint, Confessions, Prayer for the Sick and Mass.

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.

Visits to the sick and housebound: If anyone requires a visit at home or in hospital please contact either parochial house.

Today’s Gospel: *Becoming like children*

“Put your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee” we were invited by a popular Gospel song some years back. Putting your hand in somebody else’s is a gesture of intimacy, typical of children with their parents. To a loving father or mother a child will give its hand unquestioningly, with complete trust. Holding his or her father’s hand there is nowhere the child will not venture. It is not only willing to be led, but positively wants to be brought somewhere. Somewhere in the growing-up process we outgrow our dependency on our parents, and when we no longer need their guidance, even God can become remote for us. Growing up means ceasing to be dependent. We exchange a child’s dependence on people for an adult’s dependence on things, like money, alcohol, success and influence. But these props are notoriously fickle and the adult world is often plagued by stress and anxiety. Our props may provide temporary relief but can still leave us - as Jesus puts it “weary and burdened;” burdened with illusions of grandeur and unrealistic targets. The heaviest load we have to carry is that of our own unfulfilled ambitions, the burden of our bruised egos. Only a return to humility can restore our lost innocence and our lost paradise., that honest humility that accepts our creaturely status, our true status as children before God. To enjoy the peace of Christ we must “put our hand in the hand of the man from Galilee”, who guides us along life’s journey and helps us to find the way home.

Prayer after Holy Communion or Mass: Father, in celebrating this Eucharist together, we have shared Faith in the Resurrection of Christ and renewed Hope in our own. We have pledged ourselves, yet again, to live the commandment of Love, and sought pardon at the Fountain of Forgiveness. Sustain us, Lord, with the Food of Life, as we go upon our way: May the Bread of Heaven be our strength, May the broken Body of Christ bring us healing; may the Spirit of the Risen Christ renew our youthful generosity; may the Sacred Heart of Jesus give us compassion. May the Crucified Christ of Calvary help us bear our daily burden.

Next weekend:

Readers: Sat. 8pm. K. Cummins. **Sun. 10am.** V. O’Brien.

Eucharistic Ministers: 8pm. L. Cosgrave, M. Kirby.

Sun. 10am. I. Brady, B. Grimes.

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.

