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## Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

**Masses this weekend: 4th /5th June 2016** No. 1195.

**Sat. 8pm.** Noel Healy. **Sun. 10am.** Michael and Sarah Ennis.

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:** Mass at 9.30am.

**Next weekend: Sat. 8pm. Sun. 10am.** Billy O'Neill, 1st anniv.

**Plate Collection:** €410. **Cemetery Collection:** €2,067. *Many thanks*

**Building fund** envelope due next weekend.

**Summer Offerings Collection** for the support of the Priests due this weekend. Please give subscription to collector at back of church or place envelope in boxes.

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

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

**Next Baptism Meeting** on Tues. 7th June in Enfield Meeting Room at 8.30pm.

**Please pray** for Monica Quinn, Broadford, sister of Ann Kavanagh, New Road, Enfield. Joan Dunne, Trim and Pat McMahon, Foxrock, Dublin and formerly of New Road, Enfield. R.I.P.

**Cemetery Sunday: Jordanstown:** Sunday 12th June. Mass at 7.30pm.

**Parish Golf Classic 16th /17th June:** Time sheet now open. 84 teams have already entered to play. Sponsorship welcome from businesses and households.

**Sponsorship envelopes available at back of church.** Meeting on Wednesday 8th June at 9.00pm in Enfield Parochial House. **Music** on Friday 17th in the Golf Club with Martin Ennis playing. All welcome

**Adult Choir practice** on Wednesday night next in parish meeting room Enfield at 7.30pm to prepare for Mass due to be recorded on Saturday 25th June for LMFM

**Rathmolyon Union of Parishes: Annual steak BBQ** on Friday 10th June at 8.30pm. Tickets €25. Rathcore Golf Club. For tickets contact any committee member. Live music. Proceeds in aid of parish funds.

**Prayer before an Examination:** Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me. Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together. Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way. As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked. Help me to remain focused and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me. Amen

**Fr. Jim Byrne, IVE** recently ordained to the priesthood will celebrate his First Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Johnstownbridge on next Sunday 12th June at 3pm. Light refreshments afterwards in Johnstownbridge N.S.

**Rathmolyon Hurling Club:** Lotto nos. 2,7, 20, 23 No winner. Next draw 6th June. Jackpot €10,000. **Fixtures: Thurs 9th** Intermediate Hurling Championship Na Fianna v Rathmolyon at 7.45pm in Trim. **Juvenile:** The u14 team received their new kits during the week. They are all set for Feile in Waterford in two weeks.

**Kill N.S Parents Association: Table Quiz** on Friday 10th June in the Village Inn at 8.30pm. Table of 4 €40. Raffle and Prizes on the night. All welcome.

**Congratulations** to the young boys and girls who joined the Pioneer Assoc. at Mass on Thursday evening and also to Nuala Flynn and Finola Higgins on receiving Gold Pins. Best wishes to the Centre on The Na Gradham award.

**Today's Gospel:** Presence is great blessing. We hear in the Gospel today of a very sad funeral. An only son, an only support to his widowed mother has died. Jesus notices. He stops the funeral. He listens to their story. He hands the young man back to his mother - alive. Did he think of his mother cradling him in her arms after the ordeal of Good Friday. I remember a priest saying at a retreat, that the first duty of a priest was to "be available". I think that he was saying that "presence" comes before achievement. Where can we be present for each other in our daily lives? Parents with children are saints of "availability" providing never ending service. There is a good tradition with Irish people to be present at funerals. Technology and recorded messages are blessings, but could never replace personal presence. A human voice - not unlike the telephonist of the past, when one is worried or anxious, is soothing and comforting. The Gospel reminds us Jesus excels in being present for people, even when it is difficult or tiring. In Mass we give our presence to God, and support each other. Mary, Mother of God pray for us.

**A Message for young people:** Does the Church speak to our young men and women today? There are so many crowds competing for their attention: the lure of possessions, the desire for success, the promise of happiness, or at least release, by alcohol or drugs? Think of the exams that are taking place at this very moment; the value of youth is reduced to a points score or letters. It is no wonder so many find the pressure too much, bowed down by the huge expectations to look the best and be the best. Jesus looks at the young man and does not see failure, he sees beyond the pallor of his skin and says 'young man, I tell you to up,' and he does. Have so many of our young rejected the faith because they see us as another voice telling them what to do? In a society that constantly tells our young people what they have to be, the Church is called to tell our young people who they are; often fragile, often scared, often broken; but unique, blessed, special and loved by God no matter what.

**Exam Students:** We continue to remember in our prayers those doing and preparing for exams. May you have the best of the gifts of wisdom, understanding and right judgement.

**next weekend:**

**Readers: Sat. 8pm.** M. McGrath. **10am.** I. Brady.

**Eucharist Ministers: 8pm.** L. Cosgrave, M. Kirby.

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

**Altar Society:** A. Heffernan, I. Brady.

**Cleaners:** T. Smith, A. Fahy.

**Collectors: 8pm.** N. Collins, T. Doherty. D. Griffin.

**Sun. 10am.** J. Crowley, S. Quinn, D. Fahy.

