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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 21/22nd March 2015 No. 1135

Sat. 8pm. Phyllis Byrne, Elizabeth and Frank King, Ben and Paddy King, Michael & Mary Brandon, Moneymore. **10am.**

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

Next weekend:

Sat. 8pm. Patrick, John and Honor O'Brien.

10am. Eileen Grehan, Little Johnstown, 2nd anniv. & John Grehan, anniv.

Basket Collection: €495. **Building fund:** €175. *Many thanks.*

Building fund. New boxes of envelopes will be issued shortly.

Palm Sunday is celebrated next Sunday. As we bring pieces of palm home as ask God's blessing on homes, families, farms and outbuildings.

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

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

We welcome Lauren Dalton, Sophia Elizabeth McManus and Thomas Carson Roy McManus baptised this weekend.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Fr. Alan Brennan, formerly of Ballinderrin, brother of the late Des Brennan, Johnstown road. Funeral Mass in Jordantown on Thursday 26th March at 1pm. Burial afterwards in adjoining cemetery, Tommy Daly, Brownstown, Collinstown, Co. Westmeath, father of Liz Reilly, Ballinakill, Bernie Geraghty, Cloncurry and Fr. Seán Fay our former Parish Priest laid to rest on Friday.

Funeral for Fr. Seán Fay: Thanks to all who helped in any way with Fr. Seán's funeral arrangements. The help of so many people in so many ways is a fitting tribute to Fr. Seán and a great sense of comfort for his family.

Sacrament of Confirmation: *Congratulations* to the children of our 3 schools who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday. Thanks to choirs, teachers, cleaners, flower arrangers and all associated with refreshments.

Congratulations to Michelle Kirby and Brian Forde married on Friday.

Apostolic Works Society: Church Door Collection €500. Many thanks.

Chrism Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7pm on Wed. 1st April.

Daffodil Day is celebrated next Friday 27th Mar. Your support is appreciated

Penitential Service for Easter: Tuesday 31st March. Rathmolyon church at 7pm and Jordantown at 8pm. A number of visiting priests will be available.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos. 4,10,27,29. **Next week's jackpot €10,000.**

Fixtures: This Sunday: Junior Hurling v Kilmessan at 12 (away). Senior Hurling League Rathmolyon v Na Fianna at 5pm (at home). **Table Quiz** in Harnans on Friday 27th March at 8.30pm. €10 per person. Raffle and auction.

"Fun 5K Run" on Wednesday April 8th starting at 7:30pm. Registration at 6:30pm. Prizes for the first three men and women home, the first veteran, the first four club team players, the first Junior (U-18) and the first "buggy" home also. Adults €10, Under 16 €5. Come along and join the Fun.

Sacred Heart Messenger: This weekend a representative from the Messenger will be in Rathmolyon promoting the *Messenger*. It is an informative inspiring book and well worth getting. A special offer €18 for a years postal subscription will be available

Reflection: The Sunday prayer says "Lord, help us to embrace the world you have given us, and reach joy....."When young, and innocent die, whether in the quiet of home, or in tragedy, on the highway of life, we are numbed, and ask "why". The "why" we cannot explain. Now Jesus says that through Him, there is a larger picture. He tells that pain, in birth, in seed life, or in crushed grape, is "lifted up" into something someone greater. While there is no explanation of death, there is consolation in the Christian view of life, that says, death is not the end. It is transition. Our dear departed are absent, rather than gone. The ultimate is the banquet and joy of Heaven, where there is re-union and fullness of joy, and for the first time, one is fully understood, and totally accepted. Our ancestors, liked saying, that the bigger the ordeal in this world, the greater the joy of Heaven. The "lifting up of Christ" includes our lifting up too. We are with Him, and in Him. Father, into Your Hands I commend my spirit.

Sacrament of Confession: Lent will not be complete without confession of sins. Many do not like this humbling experience. Does the seed like dying in the earth? Jesus admits the pain he feels at the prospect of the cross. Both nature and Jesus teach us that dying to sin is the way forward to virtue. Humble honesty clears the way for new life in the Lord. The Lord who conquered death will raise up the repentant sinner in the grace of forgiveness.

Trocaire Boxes will be collected at Mass on Holy Thursday. God of creation, you formed the earth, the moon, the stars, seas and humanity. You appointed us as guardians of all that you had created, and yet today our rivers are polluted and are drying up. Your gift of water is unequally shared between the rich and the poor and our world is threatened by the serious effects of climate change. Teach us the way and renew us as stewards of the earth. **Trocaire Boxes** available at the back of the church.

Next weekend: Readers: 8pm. G. Harnan. **10am.** A. McNeill.

Eucharist Ministers: 8pm. L. Graham, B. Mulvihill.

Sun. 10am. S. Brady, M. Kirby.

Altar Society: G. Coyne, A. Keogh.

Cleaners: G.Mulligan, P. Quinn, B. Sturdy, P. Brady.

Collectors: 8pm. M. McGrane, M. Martin, M. Payne.

Sun.10am. S. Quinn, S. Dempsey, M. Ford.