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Clocks go on
this weekend

Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 28/29th March 2015 No. 1136

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

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

Tuesday and Wednesday: Mass at 9.30am.

We invite people to bring pieces of palm home as a sign of asking God's divine blessing on homes, farms, outbuildings, herds and crops.

Reconciliation Service for Easter on Tuesday: Rathmolyon church at 7pm and Jordanstown at 8pm. Pope Francis surprised many recently by responding that the best description of himself was: "I am a sinner". Pope Francis also set out a challenge for us all: 'I would like to ask you - but don't say it aloud, everyone respond in his or her own heart: when was the last time you made your confession? Two days, two weeks, two years, twenty years, forty years? And if much time has passed, do not lose another day. Be courageous he said and go to Confession! Jesus will receive you; he will receive you with so much love. (Visiting priests available for Confessions).

Basket Collection: €790 (includes St. Patrick's Day) **Building Fund:** €70 Many thanks to all who contributed in the past year and enabled so much work to be done in our churches, schools and parish buildings.

Next weekend:

Sat. 8pm. Dessie Christie, Castletown. **10am.** Jimmy Brogan, m.m

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday 10am-6pm.

No Mass on Wednesday evening. **Chrism Mass** in Mullingar at 7pm.

Holy Thursday: 8.00pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10pm.

Good Friday: 3.00pm Stations of the Cross. 8.00pm Celebration of our Lord's Passion, Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday: *Confessions at 3pm.*

8.00pm. Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection. Mass for

Novena to the Divine Mercy commences on Good Friday for 9 days ending on 12th April Feast of Divine Mercy. Leaflets at back of the church.

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

Easter Offerings Collection for support of priests due next weekend. Give subscription to collector at back of church or place envelope in boxes provided.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos. 10,21,24,27 **Next week's jackpot €10,000.** **"Fun 5K Run"** on Wed. 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, U/16 €5.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Fr Allan Brennan formerly Ballinderrin, Paddy Lyons, Oldtown, gSummerhill, father of Mick Lyons, Rathcore Golf Club, John Flynn Navan brother of Eva O'Brien, Ardenew, John McEvoy Doolistown, Trim, and Patrick McGourty, Ballivor, father of Siobhán Gorry, Connellstown I.R.I.P.

Sacred Heart Messenger: Elizabeth Foley who spoke at Masses last weekend wishes to thank all who subscribed to the Messenger magazine either for themselves or a family member. A special offer of €18 for a year's postal subscription is still available. If interested put monies and subscription form in an envelope and return to Masses next weekend. An ideal present for someone for Easter.

We invite all parishioners and friends to join us for Holy Week Ceremonies and to make this a week of prayer and growing closer to God.

Trocaire Boxes: Please bring Trocaire Boxes to Mass on Holy Thursday. Please convert coins into higher denominations for counting purposes, What we give will make a huge difference to children and families in poorer countries.

Who am I when I follow Jesus to Jerusalem? Am I like Pilate? When I see that the situation is difficult, do I wash my hands and dodge my responsibility, allowing people to be condemned – or condemning them myself? Am I like that crowd which was not sure whether they were at a religious meeting, a trial or a circus, and then chose Barabbas? For them it was all the same: it was more entertaining to humiliate Jesus. Am I like the soldiers who strike the Lord, spit on him, insult him, who find entertainment in humiliating him? Am I like the Cyrenean, who was returning from work, weary, yet was good enough to help the Lord carry his cross? Am I like those who walked by the cross and mocked Jesus: "He was so courageous! Let him come down from the cross and then we will believe in him!". Mocking Jesus.... Am I like those fearless women, and like the mother of Jesus, who were there, and who suffered in silence? Am I like Joseph, the hidden disciple, who lovingly carries the body of Jesus to give it burial? Am I like the two Marys, who remained at the Tomb, weeping and praying? Am I like those leaders who went the next day to Pilate and said, "Look, this man said that he was going to rise again. We cannot let another fraud take place!", and who block life, who block the tomb, in order to maintain doctrine, lest life come forth? Where is my heart? Which of these persons am I like? May this question remain with us throughout the entire week. (Pope Francis, 2014)

Next weekend: Readers: 8pm. U.Griffin. **10am.** A. Ennis.

Eucharist Ministers: 8pm. K. Collins, N. Regan.

Sun. 10am. I. Brady, B. Grimes. **Altar Society:** S. Brady

Cleaners: G. Doherty, R. Melia, M. Forde, T. Ryan.

Collectors: 8pm. R. O'Brien, P. Ennis, C. O'Brien.

Sun. 10am. G. Cunningham, D. Larkin, P. Farrell.