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## Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

**Masses this weekend: 5/6th February, 2016** No. 1183

**Sat. 8pm.** Patrick Boylan. **Sun. 10am.** Malachy and Mary O'Rafferty, Ardenew.  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:** Mass at 9.30am.

**Next weekend:**

**Sat. 8pm.** Jack and Annie Fagan, their son Bonny and daughter Anne.  
**Sun. 10am.** Dan and Elizabeth Rooney and their son Pat.

**Basket Collection:** €442. **Building Fund:** €30. *Many thanks.*

**Final Building fund** envelope for the current financial year due this weekend.  
**We thank** everybody for their support and generosity during the year. For those who contribute, half yearly or yearly, a contribution may now be due.

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

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

**Confirmation:** Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to the children of Enfield School on Friday next at 11am and to children of Baconstown and Kill Schools at 3pm. in Rathmolyon Church.

**Practice for Confirmation Ceremony** in Rathmolyon church on Tuesday at 7pm for Enfield school and at 8.15pm for Baconstown and Kill schools.

**Meeting re Confirmation refreshments** on Thursday night at 8pm in Kill church. All voluntary help and donations of buns, biscuits, cakes and sandwiches welcome.

**Congratulations** to Christopher Swane and Tara Leonard married on Friday in Rathmolyon and Ann Marie Kelly and Philip Nolan married on Saturday in Jordanstown.

**First Anniversary Mass** for Fr. Seán Fay on Friday 18th March in Rathmolyon Church at 8pm. **Refreshments** will be served at back of church afterwards and donations of refreshments welcome.

**Evening Mass** for Lent on Wednesdays 8pm. **Stations of the Cross** at 7.45pm.

**New procedure for distribution of Mass leaflets:** Starting next weekend, Mass goers are asked to take their leaflet from the table when entering the church and either return it there or bring it home after Mass.

**Parish Golf Classic** will be held in Rathcore Golf Club on 16th/17th June. Please keep these dates free for our annual fundraising social.

**Enfield/Rathmolyon Pioneer Centre:** Table Quiz in Boggans Bar on Friday 11th March at 9pm sharp. Table of 4 €40. Support appreciated.

**Rathmolyon Hurling Club:** Lotto nos. 10,22,23,27. No winner. Next draw 7th March. Jackpot €10,000. Thanks for your support.

**Teresa Brayton C.C.E. Céilí in Hamlet Court Hotel** on Sunday 13th March 3.30pm-6.30pm. Music by The Glenside Céilí band. Sets called by Frank Keenan. Refreshments served. Admission €10.

**Third Age Summerhill:** Cake sale and Bring & Buy in Third Age Centre Wed 9th March at 10am. Proceeds will go to buy a new bus. All support appreciated.



**Trócaire** Lenten Campaign 2016: "whoever honours a mother is like someone amassing a fortune." Ecclesiasticus/Sirach 3:4. On this Mothering Sunday we remember mothers in the developing world who struggle, through no fault of their own, to care for their children. We pray that with Trócaire's support, these mothers will be able to look forward to a brighter future. www.trocaire.org.

**A Prayer for Mothers:** We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways. We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away. We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen. (Author unknown)



**Today's Gospel** There are lessons which are timeless in the story. Perhaps the young have always had the urge to be prodigal. Maybe there is a prodigal church of the lapsed out there waiting for us to be generous to them. Maybe it is better to act out and regret it than to remain passive aggressive and sullen. It was not only the empty belly which drove the prodigal home but the memories of a good, forgiving, accepting and tender home and parents which made it possible for him to return. For most of us, repentance and conversion are a lifelong struggle, a slow turning, sifting truth from falsehood, truth from lies, wisdom from foolishness. What we are reminded of, during Lent especially, is to turn to God who receives with joy and generosity. The truth of the story is that God's love is greater than all sin, greater than all misgivings, more generous than we can imagine. To ask that forgiveness and to accept that forgiveness and to be thankful for it is the only condition God proposes.

**Next weekend:**

**Readers Sat. 8pm.** K. Cumins. **10am.** A. Ennis.

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

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

**Altar Society:** G. Coyne, A. Keogh.

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

**Collectors: 8pm.** M. McGuane, M. Martin, M. Payne.

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

