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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 19/20th March, 2016 No. 1185

Palm Sunday is celebrated this Sunday. As we bring pieces of palm home we ask God's blessing on homes, families, farms and out buildings

Sat. 8pm. Phyllis Byrne. Michael and Elizabeth Forde and their son Joe and daughter Marie. **Sun. 10am.** Joseph Halton.

Tuesday and Wednesday: Mass at 9.30am.

Plate Collection: €395. **Building Fund:** €135. *Many thanks.*

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

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).

Please pray for Mary Geraghty, Ballinaskea, Mary Holton, Castleknock, Johnny Hackett, Johnstownbridge, and Fr. Lauri Halpin retired P.P. Kilbeggan who died during the week. R.I.P.

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

Holy Thursday: 8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper. We will be joined by First Holy Communion children. Exposition 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 William, Mary and Millie O'Neill

Easter Sunday: 10am Mass: Eileen Grehan, Little Johnstown and her husband John who died in 1955.

Novena to the Divine Mercy commences on Good Friday for 9 days ending on 3rd April Feast of Divine Mercy. Leaflets at back of the church.

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

Congratulations to Siobhan Higgins and Roy McManus married on Saturday.

Practice for Good Friday Stations of the Cross on Tuesday at 11am in church.

Thanks to all associated with the First Anniversary Mass for Fr. Seán Fay.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto nos. 2, 15, 20, 22. No winner. Next draw 14th March. Jackpot €10,000. **Congratulations** to Shauna Ennis who captained the St. Patrick's College Ladies Football Team to All Ireland Success last weekend.

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.

Vincent de Paul: You are invited to bring non-perishable food items to Mass on Holy Thursday which will be distributed to needy families in our community.

The sick and housebound will be attended on Monday.

Daffodil Day: *Thanks* to everyone who contributed to Irish Cancer Society in the Enfield/Rathmolyon area. €7,359 was raised.

Na Fianna Athletic Club: Training in Kill school on Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

Community Games Art Competition: Monday 21st March 6.30-8pm in Baconstown old School. Open to children over 6 years. Paper will be provided, bring your own art materials. Handwriting competition will also take place at these times for children over 8 yrs. The winners of these competitions will go forward to Meath finals. Info: 086-1999417

Congratulations to Gordon Elliott, Cullentra and to all associated with Don Cossack winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Today's Gospel: Playing our Part

We tend to be uncomfortable with audience participation, especially when it is sprung on us at the last minute. Many people get embarrassed or clam up when a microphone is thrust in their face. TV audience members can even look uncomfortable when expected to sing or clap along to a performance. I was once cajoled up on stage with a friend during a comedy show, and I still cringe at the memory. More than most, today's liturgy calls for our participation. First, we are caught up in the drama of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. We are comfortable enough with this – holding up our palm branches and imagining ourselves celebrating and supporting Jesus as he arrives into town riding on a colt. But our participation takes on a darker tone during the reading of the Passion, and we soon find ourselves joining in with those who question and accuse Jesus. Before long we are shouting 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' and taunting Jesus on the cross to 'save himself if he is the Christ of God'. It is enough to make even the most complacent among us uncomfortable. Palm Sunday and Good Friday are the only two occasions when the congregation is invited to take part in the reading of the Gospel. What strikes you as you play your part today

Next weekend:

Readers Sat. 8pm. M. McGrath. **10am.** N. Regan.

Eucharist Ministers: 8pm. L. Cosgrave, G. Harnan.

Sun. 10am. M. Cummins, P. Brady.

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.

(Please check Easter Rotas)

