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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 26/27th March, 2016 No. 11865

Sat. 8pm. Easter Vigil: William, Mary and Millie O'Neill.

Sun. 10am. Eileen Grehan, Little Johnstown and her husband John who died in 1955.

Mass only on Friday this week: Mass at 9.30am (First Friday).

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm: Sarah, Michael and John Payne. Tim Slattery and deceased members of the Slattery family. **10am.**

Plate Collection: €767 (incl. St. Patrick's Day). **Building Fund:** €150.

Building fund envelope due next weekend.

No Adoration this week.

Please pray for Eileen Boyle, Kilmore, Broadford and Séamus Leech, Rathwire, brother of Bernie Ryan and Angela Ennis. R.I.P.

Novena to the Divine Mercy continues until Sunday 3rd April.

Divine Mercy Devotions on Sunday 3rd April in Rathmolyon church starting with Mass at 3pm.

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

Easter Holy Water available in container at the Altar.

Thanks to all who have returned **Trocaire Boxes**. Remaining boxes can be returned to Mass next weekend.

Thanks to all who helped with the Easter Ceremonies in our church. A special word of thanks to Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Society, Organist, Choir, Collectors and Sacristans.

Apostolic Works Collection in Rathmolyon church amounted to €530. *Thanks* to all who contributed and collectors.

Trócaire: Last year alone, thanks to support from the Irish public and others, we were able to support 2.4 million people. Trócaire supported people to improve their lives through various interventions including...45,000 families across the world got access and control of their local resources, including land and water, whereas before they had been exploited and excluded. Protection to over 700 human rights defenders who were abused and attacked in Guatemala. Support to over 6,000 women who survived violence and abuse, including access to healthcare, counselling and legal aid.

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



Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto nos.

No winner. Next draw 14th

March. Jackpot €10,000. **Rathmolyon Juvenile Hurling Club:** Best wishes to the U14 team who qualified to represent the village and the County in Feile 2016. This is the first time in the club that we will be competing in an All Ireland Hurling Competition. Proceeds from this weeks Club lotto will go to fundraising for this.

Congrats to Emma Regan on winning gold medal U/14 All Ireland High Jump.

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

Family Fun Day: To mark the 1916 Commemorations, a family fun day will take place at the green in Longwood this Sunday 27th from 2-5pm. Free event.

Enfield Celtic Football Club: Night at Dogs in Mullingar on Sat. 30th April. Tickets €10 each, Children U13 Free. Hoping that each player/family buys at least 1 ticket. Tickets available this weekend. To help fund our new clubhouse and pitches.

Today's Gospel - Light our of Darkness 'Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of people overcoming it' Helen Keller.

There are people in our world and all around us who overcome suffering every day. We all know people who keep smiling and joking through serious illness or misfortune, and people who have many problems of their own but are still always available to help others. There are brave folks who, having lost a loved one to illness, go on to dedicate their time to charitable works and fundraising in the hope that others might avoid the same agony. And then there are people who, though themselves in the depths of pain or despair, can help others simply by empathising with their suffering. In different ways, these are all 'Easter people', full of hope and light amidst the darkness. They remind us that even in the darkest of situations, God's light can shine. Today we celebrate the ultimate victory over suffering and death. We have journeyed this week through the darkness of loneliness, betrayal and abandonment into the light of forgiveness, healing and new life. In her poem Dawn, the poet Emily Dickinson wrote: 'Not knowing when the dawn will come, I open every door.' Dawn will always emerge from darkness. If we want to be 'Easter people', we need to be open to throwing ourselves into the ups and downs, the sufferings and the joys of life, always open to experiencing resurrection and hope in all their forms. Christ is risen – alleluia!

Clocks go forward one hour this weekend.

**We wish our parishioners and friends the blessings,
joy, peace and happiness of Easter.**

Next weekend:

Readers Sat. 8pm. M. Downey. **10am.** K. Collins.

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

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

Altar Society: S. Brady.

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

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

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

