



Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 18/19th March, 2017 No. 1236.

Sat. 8pm. Fr. Seán Fay, 2nd anniv. Phyllis Byrne. Jim Whelan.

Sun. 10am. Dan and Elizabeth Rooney and son Patrick.

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

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm. Patrick Boylan. Michael and Elizabeth Forde, their son Joe and daughter Marian. Frank and Elizabeth King and relatives

Sun. 10am. Lists of the Dead.

Plate Collection: €485. **Building Fund:** €90. New boxes of envelopes will be issued shortly. We thank everybody for their support and generosity throughout the year. *Many thanks.*

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

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

We welcome Patrick John Jordan baptised this weekend.

Please pray for Louis O'Rafferty, Longwood, brother of Bernard, Connellstown, Mary Beegan, Broadford and Kathleen Ennis, Agher. (Remains arriving to Coole church on Sunday evening at 6.30pm. Funeral Mass on Monday at 11am followed by burial in Kill cemetery). R.I.P.

Evening Mass for Lent in Rathmolyon on Wednesday evening at 8pm. Stations of the Cross before Mass starting at 8pm.

House Masses: An opportunity for family, neighbours and friends to come together to pray and build up a community spirit - no fuss just a cup of tea. If interested in hosting a house Mass during Lent contact Fr. Timothy.

Let's Do Lent - Ideas For Lent: 1. Fast, maybe skip one meal from time to time ... a gentle fast like this will refresh our memory that many people in the world go hungry every day. 2. Meditation and Prayer - these lead to a closer connection with God; do the Stations of the Cross or spend a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. 3. A weekend away from the mobile. 4. Visit a relative in long term nursing home.

Moynalvey Parish: Fr. Vincent Sherlock, P.P. of Kilmovee, Co. Mayo and contributor to the Messenger Magazine will be giving a talk in Moynalvey Church on Monday 20 March at 7.30pm. All welcome

World Meeting of Families: Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a second national collection will be held on the weekend of 1st and 2nd April 2017. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

Daffodil Day: The Doherty family will be promoting Daffodil Day in Enfield and Rathmolyon on Friday next. Your support as in previous will be greatly appreciated.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos. 1,3,7,12. Next draw 20th March.

Dates for Cemetery Sunday: Kill: Sunday 28th May. Mass at 7.30pm.

Jordanstown: Sunday 11th June. Mass at 7.30pm.

We welcome the First Holy Communion children families next weekend.

Many thanks to all who supported church gate collection last weekend for Irish Wheelchair Association. €230 was received.

Today's Gospel: Cracked 'Ring the bells that still can ring. Forget your perfect offering. There is a crack in everything ... that's how the light gets in.' *Leonard Cohen*
No one is perfect. This might seem like the most obvious statement in the world, but it's important to remember. We live in a time when people's thoughts and actions are more widely recorded and open to scrutiny than ever before. A small mistake can cost someone their reputation or livelihood. An opinion expressed, particularly online, can invite a world of insults. It appears to be easier than ever to take the moral high ground, and to dismiss a person entirely based on one thing we know about them. This is not the way Jesus treated people, and it is not how he sees us. The Samaritan woman Jesus meets is all too aware of what the Jews think of her. She is nervous when approached by Jesus at the well. But he sees beyond the label to the person, the woman with a life story and a context of her own. He engages her in intellectual conversation, listens to her, and wins her over. Jesus could tell the woman everything about her life, and he knows each one of us just as intimately. He knows our past and our faults, our 'cracks'. That is why he is able to speak to us, if we resolve to try and listen. It is also an important lesson in how we should treat others.

Trócaire boxes are available in all churches since the beginning of Lent. We are invited to be generous towards the third world countries. The Trócaire organisation was established in 1973. It supports communities in their efforts to improve their lives, meet their basic needs and ensure human dignity. In a recent media statement issued by the UN humanitarian chief, we learn that the biggest humanitarian crisis in the history of the United Nations is imminent. 20 million people in Yemen, South Sudan, Somalia and Nigeria face starvation and famine. May we be generous with Trócaire this Lent.

Suggestions for your Spring Planting

The old people aimed to have the gardens dug and the seed potatoes in the ground for St. Patrick's day. Spring was well and truly on the way. As we journey through lent we are almost at the half way mark. Here are a few simple suggestions for the spring planting.
Just look at the weeds Weed out gossip Weed out negativity Weed out indifference Weed out laziness. **Plant five rows of Peas** Preparedness Promptness Perseverance Politeness Positivity **Then plant five rows of lettuce** Let us be faithful Let us be thankful Let us be truthful Let us be generous Let us be forgiving **Then plant the reliable turnips** Turn up for Church Turn up with a smile Turn up with new determination Turn up with compassion And please God a wonderful garden can grow.

Next weekend:

Readers: Sat. 8pm. M. McGrath, **Sun. 10am.** M. Downey.

Eucharistic Ministers: 8pm. L. Grehan, M. Mulvihill.

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

Altar Society: G. Coyne, A. Keogh.

Cleaners: P. Quinn, B. Sturdy, M. O'Donoghue.

Collectors: Sat. 8pm. J. Jordan, M. Jordan, D. Downey.

Sun. 10am. S. Dempsey, K. Halton, N. Howley.

