



Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 25/26th March, 2017 No. 1237.

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

Sun. 10am. Eileen Grehan, Littlejohnstown, anniv. & husband John died 1955.

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

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm.

Sun. 10am. Lists of the Dead.

Plate Collection: €828 (incl. St. Patrick's Day). **Building Fund:** €105.

New boxes of envelopes will be issued shortly.

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

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

Please pray for Dinkie Patrick O'Sullivan, Ballinaskea and formerly of Isaacstown. Funeral Mass this Sunday in Rathmolyon church at 1pm.

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

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.

Breda O'Brien the renowned journalist will deliver a talk on the topic of the Family in St. Mary's National School, Trim (opposite the church) next Thursday night at 8pm. All welcome.

Apostolic Works Society: *Many thanks* to all who supported church door collection last weekend. €1,802 was received between both churches.

21st National Pioneer Ball takes place in The Sheraton Hotel, Athlone on Saturday 8th April. Tickets €30. Contact Dermot Fagan 0857201646. Those wishing to receive silver or gold pioneer pins contact Lena 9541580 or Ann 9555215 & any young person 18 years who wishes to take the full pioneer pledge contact Ann.

TROCAIRE 2017: The richest 20% of Hondurans receive two-thirds of the national income. Inequality is the biggest characteristic of poverty in Central America and Hondurans struggle even more due to environmental and political challenges. Extreme weather events have made the water supply unreliable for farming and the result is that 60% of people suffer from hunger and malnutrition. We are familiar with the lines in today's gospel: 'I am the light of the world' and 'I was blind but now I see'. We truly need to open our eyes to the realities of climate injustice and the impact that the lifestyles of western countries are having on the poorest of people.

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

Feile U/14 Camogie Team: *Table Quiz in* aid of girls representing Meath in Féile 2017 will be held on Friday 31st March in Boggans at 9pm. Table of 4 €40.

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

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

We welcome First Holy Communion children and their families this weekend.

Summerhill Players will present their production of Brian Friel's comedy "The Loves of Cas Maguire", nightly from Friday March 31st to Tuesday April 4th at 8pm.. Tickets €15. Phone Karen 086-3472263 or Ruth 086-8547113 for tickets.

Enfield Celtic FC: Night at the Dogs in Shelbourne Park on Sat 22nd April. Tickets €10 available at Supervalu Enfield on Saturday 1st April or from Anne 086-2351663.

John Lonergan, former Governor of Mountjoy Prison, will be giving a talk in Kiltale church this Monday 27 March at 7.30pm.

Pope Francis' Words: Do you want to fast this Lent?...Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. Fast from worries and trust in God. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Today's Gospel: There are many forms of blindness besides physical blindness. In some ways these are just as much as crippling. Selfishness blinds us to the needs of others. Insensitivity blinds to the hurt we are causing to others. Snobbery blinds us to the equal dignity of others. Pride blinds us to our own faults. Hurry blinds us to the beauty of the world around us. Materialism blinds us to spiritual values. It is not with the eyes only that we see. We also see with the mind, the heart and the imagination.

Mother's Day Prayer: God our Creator, we pray for new mothers coming to terms with new responsibility; for expectant mothers wondering and waiting, for those who are tired, stressed or depressed; for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family; for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty; for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; for those who raise children on their own; for those who have lost a child for those who care for the children of others; for those whose children have left home; and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled. Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender & that they may lead their children to know & do what is good, living not for themselves but for God & others

Clocks go forward one hour on Saturday night

Next weekend:

Readers: Sat. 8pm. M. A. McNeill. **Sun. 10am.** S. Quinn.

Eucharistic Ministers: 8pm. L. Cosgrave, M. Kirby.

Sun. 10am. I. Brady, B. Grimes.

Altar Society: S. Brady.

Cleaners: G. Doherty, R. Melia, M. Forde, L. Dwyer.

Collectors: Sat. 8pm. C. O'Brien, P. Ennis, A. Forde.

Sun. 10am. G. Cunningham, D. Larkin, J. Crowley.

