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## Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

**Masses this weekend: 30th Sept./1st Oct. 2017** No. 1263.

**Sat. 8pm.** Paddy and Jane Ashe. **Sun. 10am.** Intentions of Parishioners

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

**Next weekend: Sat. 8pm.** Tim Slattery. John, John P. and Mary Murray. Gary and Valerie Honey. Michael and Annie Mc Guane. Paddy and Philomena Brogan and Simon Reilly.

**Sun. 10am.** Intentions of Parishioners

**Plate Collection:** €558. *Many thanks.*

**Building fund envelope due this weekend.**

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

**Please pray** for Ann Healy, Rathcore, Johnny Colgan, Baconstown and Bridget McGrath, Clonard, mother of Joe McGrath, Blackwater Park, laid to rest during the week. We remember also Val Larkin, Castletown, Rathmolyon who has died. Funeral arrangements later. R.I.P.

**Friday is the First Friday.** The sick and housebound will be attended on Friday.

**Family/Community Mass:** Our Family/Community Mass will be held next Saturday night (7<sup>th</sup> Oct) at 8pm. The theme of the Mass will be **Sport and Faith** and the role they play in our Community. Our guest speaker will be well known Meath footballer Joe Sheridan. We are also using the occasion to acknowledge three people who have worked tirelessly over the decades to help our young people develop through an involvement in sport – Lena Heffernan, Peter Duignan and Terry Pearle. Wear your favourite sports jersey to the Mass if you wish. Refreshments afterwards, A chance to meet up.

**Youth Choir Practice** on Fridays from 7-8pm for girls and boys 8 to 18 years.

**Trim Family Resource Centre:** 15 Wellington Avenue, Trim. *Faile Isteach English classes* - these are conversational language classes providing adults with little or no English to learn English - every Thursday from 7 to 9pm.

**Calling all Adorers:** The Meath Diocesan Adoration Committee invites all Adorers to a Eucharistic Assembly in the Bloomfield House Hotel, Mullingar on Saturday 14th Oct. 9.30am - 4.30pm. Contact person Ann Sweeny, tel. 95 55215.

**Public Rosary** to mark the centenary of the sixth apparition of Our Lady in Fatima will take place on Friday 13th October at 6pm, Market Street, Trim (under the courthouse clock). Contact [086 0776537](tel:0860776537).

**Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos.** 11, 14, 19, 22 Next draw on Monday 2nd October. *Best of luck* to Claire (Captain) and all the girls in the All Ireland Intermediate Camogie Final replay this Sunday in Limerick. *Match Live on TG4*

**Scoil Dara: Open Evening** Thursday 5th October 5.30pm - 8pm. For 5th and 6th class pupils and their parents.

**Day of Prayer for Life:** In October 2017 it will be 50 years since the 1967 Abortion Act was passed in England, Scotland and Wales. This year's *Day for Life* provides us with an opportunity to pray for and remember all lives lost before birth and to offer practical and emotional support to women and men who are worried and concerned about an unexpected pregnancy. In his Angelus address on the Italian *Day for Life* in February this year, Pope Francis said to thousands gathered in St Peter's Square, 'May no one be left alone and may love defend the sense of life'. Citing the words of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, he continued: 'Life is beauty, admire it. Life is life, fight for it... Each life is sacred. Let's pray together for those children who are in danger of interruption of pregnancy and for those who are nearing the end of life.' These words can help us rediscover a spirit of awe towards the gift of human life and stir our hearts to the wonder of this gift. Pope Francis also points out that we have not done enough to support and accompany pregnant women in desperate circumstances.

**Todays Gospel:** Our word matters greatly in our relationships, whether in our family or at work or among our friends or with God. When we do not have our word, then we have nothing because we cannot be trusted with even the smallest responsibility. We become unreliable, like the second son in the gospel. His word was meaningless and he lacked sincerity. Dependability is a desirable character trait for all genuine Christians. Otherwise, people are wasting their time with us. God depends on each one of us to help him achieve his plan for the salvation of all people, just as the father in the gospel parable depended on his two sons. The parable teaches us that it was the first son, who initially said 'No' but then thought better of it, who actually did what the father requested. That son had undergone conversion. He had the honesty and the humility to realise his mistake and to change his decision. He became reliable. Perhaps too often we are like the second son. We easily say 'Yes' to God without meaning what we say. Then our word becomes meaningless. The parable of the father and the two sons challenges us to do God's will in action and not only to concur with it verbally. This requires that, like the first son, we are continually open to the possibility of conversion in our lives and that we are honest and humble enough to change our decisions when we recognise that they are wrong decisions, especially in matters relating to our salvation and the salvation of others. Are we people of our word?. Let us decide to be honest and humble enough to undergo conversion every day and to change our wrong decision.

**Celebrating 50 Years of our Church**

**Next weekend:**

**Readers: Sat. 8pm.** U. Griffin. **Sun. 10am.** E. Crowley.

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

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

**Altar Society:** S. Brady.

**Cleaners:** C. Gantley, M. Bagnall, M. Geraghty, P. O'Sullivan.

**Collectors: Sat. 8pm.** N. Collins, D. Griffin, T. Doherty.

**Sun. 10am.** S. Quinn, D. Fahy, A. Finnegan.