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Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 14/15th October, 2017 No. 1265.

Sat. 8pm. Marian (Marie) Forde. **Sun. 10am.** SORCHA O'MALLEY, 1st anniv.

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

Next weekend: Sat. 8pm. Mary Dixon, 1st anniv. Anthony and Mick Kirby.

Sun. 10am. Ronald Murray.

Plate Collection: €774. Building fund: €110. *Many thanks.*

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

Please pray for Paud Doran, Johnstownbridge, brother of Joe Doran, Blackwater and Margaret Coffey, Possetown. Michael Moran, Moyfenrath and Kinlough, Leitrim. Thomas Holton, Florida and Kilshanroe. Séan Flynn, Edenderry and formerly of Connellstown, son of Teresa, New Inn. R.I.P.

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

October is the month of the Holy Rosary The Rosary will be recited before all Masses during the month.

Our Lady of Fatima: Friday 13th October was the 100th anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady to the children of Fatima. Our Lady's message to the children was prayer and repentance which is still apt for us in our world today.

Apostolic Works Society: The Display at Mass this weekend is the work of local people and proceeds will be sent to Mission lands in the coming weeks.

Prayers for First Holy Communion Children: Morning Prayer Father in heaven, you love me. You're with me night and day. I want to love you always in all I do and say. I'll try to please you Father, Bless me through the day. Amen.

Night Prayer God our Father, I come to say thank you for your love today. Thank you for my family and all the friends you give to me. Guard me in the dark of night and in the morning send your light. Amen

Enfield/Rathmolyon Senior Citizens/Active Retirement Club wish to thank everyone for their generous response in the annual sponsored walk which was a great success. Lucky Dip winners were: M & A McHugh, Robert McKeown and Deirdre Murray.

Coláiste Clavin Longwood will host an *Open Night* for 5th and 6th class primary students and their parents on Monday 16th October from 7.30 - 9.30pm.

Family Mass: Thanks to Joe Sheridan for his inspiring talk. Thanks also to all who helped organise, participated and came along (many dressed in jerseys) contributing to a very enjoyable and memorable occasion.

Rathmolyon Hurling Club: Lotto Nos. 21,23,24,30 Next draw Monday 16th October
Rathmolyon hurling club are hosting a *Fancy Dress Fundraiser* on Saturday 28th of October in the Village Inn, Rathmolyon in aid of our new hurling wall for the club. Tickets are €20 each plus entry to a draw for prize of 1 night B&B with dinner at the 5star Ashford Castle Hotel. There will also be spot prizes on the night. Please come along and support us. **Best of luck** to Kill school in the hurling final next Saturday in Trim

Enfield Celtic FC. Information meeting for parents and players on next Tuesday 17th October at 7.30pm in Enfield Meeting Room (beside SuperValu.) All welcome

Foróige Club is starting in Enfield for 1st-3rd year secondary students on Friday evenings from 9-10pm in Enfield School.

Sunday 22nd October - Mission Sunday: It is the one Sunday in the year when Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. Donations are collected at these worldwide Masses and they go to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. It is also the one Sunday in the year when your generosity goes directly to help mission parishes overseas and reach out with Jesus' message of hope and love. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission. It is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland and through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations around the world, ensures that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked so please give what you can. Thank you.

Today's Gospel - The Deep End: What do you want?

What people want is at the heart of today's parable. A king invites people to his son's wedding banquet, but their minds are on other things; they don't see the value of the invitation. They don't want it. Jesus' story tells us that rather than being an imposition, our faith is an invitation, a gift.

It's been said that the biggest problem with consumerism is not that it makes us want too much, but that it makes us want too little; it diverts and distracts us with lesser things. The world we live in is, now more than ever, full of appeals to our most precious possession: our attention. We are, so to speak, in constant receipt of many invitations. There is so much that conspires to steal our attention from what is deepest and most important.

When the king of Jesus' parable issued the invitation to his son's wedding banquet, people's attention was elsewhere, they wanted other things. And some of them, evidently, were angry at what they perceived to be an imposition on their time and on their priorities. We would do well to let this parable of Jesus pose two simple questions to us. First, do we habitually think of our faith – the practice & the living out of our faith – as an imposition or as an invitation? Second, what do we want – for ourselves and for our loved ones?

Celebrating 50 Years of our Church

Next weekend: Readers: Sat. 8pm. S. Downey.

Sun. 10am. A. Ennis.

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

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

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.

You're invited!