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## Rathmolyon Parish Bulletin

**Masses this weekend: 10th /11th September 2016** No. 1209.

**Sat. 8pm.** Patrick and Elizabeth O'Sullivan and daughters Kathleen and Margaret.

**Sun 10am.** Catherine, Michael, Kathleen, Joseph and Lizzie Lyne.  
Patrick and Tess Farrell.

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

**Next weekend:**

**Sat. 8pm.** Frank Farrell. Noel Bird, 2nd anniv. **Sun 10am.** Johnny Bagnall.

**Plate Collection:** €458. **Building Fund:** €280. *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.

**September Offerings** for the support of the Priests due this weekend. Please give subscription to collector at church door or place envelope in box provided.

**Please pray for** Mick Bowden, ex Garda, Enfield and Ballyragget, Kilkenny, Bridget Harris, Cloncurry and Jackie Conlon (nee Tyrrell) Cogherinkoe Carbury, who died during the week. R.I.P

**First Holy Communion:** The Programme 'Do this in Memory' that links home, school and parish is again being introduced in our parish. Parents whose children are now in second class and who wish them to receive Holy Communion next May are invited to come to an information meeting in Enfield School on Tuesday 20th September at 8pm.

**Novena to pray for the Beatification of Ven. Matt Talbot** and for those who suffer with addictions continues each Thurs. until 29th Sept. at 8pm in Rathmolyon.

**Save Lives, save the 8th** Prolife Public Meeting on Friday 16th Sept. at 8pm in New Grange Hotel, Navan. Speakers: Dr. Tom Finnegan and Niamh Ui Bhriain.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Holy Door in Navan for Jubilee Year of Mercy -7th Oct.** (Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary). At 7.30pm pilgrims can make the "Path of Mercy" in the Church to the Holy Door and avail of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation in confession. Mass begins at 8.30pm, with refreshments afterwards.

**Gathering of Church Ministers and Helpers:** All volunteers involved in the upkeep and maintenance of Rathmolyon Church and in the organisation of Liturgical Services are invited to an informal gathering in the Church on **Monday evening 19<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm.** The invitation is also extended to past volunteers and any new volunteers who wish to become involved in helping with Church activities. The purpose of the gathering is to provide an opportunity for all volunteers to meet, ask questions, make suggestions, and explore new ideas. Currently there are about 120 people involved in these Church activities. 2017 is an important year for the Church in Rathmolyon, as next July will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone. Hope as many as possible can attend this gathering.

**Rathmolyon Hurling Club:** Lotto nos. 4,12,19,30. No winner.

**Na Fianna G.A.A. Race Night:** Saturday 17th September at 8pm in Boggans in aid of Players injury Fund. 10 Races and many prizes on the night.

**Set Dancing** resumes on Wednesday 14th September at 8.30pm in Cadamstown Hall. Beginners welcome. €5 per night.

**Music Classes** with Enfield Comhaltas return after the Summer break on **Tuesday 13th September at 6.30pm in St. Mary's Primary School, Enfield.** *Classes in:* Tin Whistle, Flute, Fiddle, Button Accordion, Banjo, Traditional Piano, Bodhrán and Traditional Guitar, the branch also hope to start a Traditional Singing class. For information please email:enfield.cce@gmail.com or phone/text: 086 3104811.

**South Meath Vintage Club:** *Annual Threshing* in Trammon, Rathmolyon this Sunday 11th September at 2pm. Supporting local charities.

**Pope Francis speaks:** In our continuing catechesis for this Holy Year of Mercy, we now turn to Jesus' parable of the merciful father who welcomes back his prodigal son with unconditional love and forgiveness. Jesus wishes to teach us that we are children of God not because of any merits of our own but because of the infinite love of our heavenly Father. How often do we need to be reminded of God's unchanging love and ready forgiveness, lest we lose heart when we ourselves or our dear ones go astray. The parable speaks not only of the prodigal son, but also of his older brother, who must also learn to accept the father's mercy, which transcends both reward and punishment. By calling for a feast of thanksgiving, the father is really asking each son to share his joy by recognizing the other as a brother. The parable ends without our knowing how the older brother responds to this invitation. Jesus in effect is challenging each of us to think about how we respond to God's invitation, to open our hearts to his reconciling love and to become "merciful like the Father".

**Today's Gospel: A parable revealing hearts** "The story of the Prodigal Son is a story about hearts: selfish hearts and generous hearts, closed hearts and open hearts, cold hearts and warm hearts, broken hearts and joyful hearts, unrepentant hearts and repentant hearts, unforgiving hearts and forgiving hearts, resentful hearts and grateful hearts. It reveals so much about the vagaries of the human heart. When all is said and done it is the heart that matters. But how can one sum up the heart? The heart is what I am deep down. It is the real me. Darkness of heart is the blackest night of all. Emptiness of heart is the greatest poverty of all. A heavy heart is the most wearisome burden of all. A broken heart is the deepest wound of all. But the parable reveals how steadfast is the heart of God. God's heart doesn't blow hot and cold. God never closes his heart to any of his children. No matter how far from home they may wander, no matter what they do, if they come home, the one thing they can be sure of is a warm and generous welcome.

**Next weekend:**

**Readers: Sat. 8pm.** D. Forde. **10am.** F. Long.

**Eucharist Ministers: 8pm.** L. Graham, M. Mulvihill

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

**Altar Society:** G. Coyne, A. Keogh.

**Cleaners:** G. Smith, M. Cole, F. Brady.

**Collectors: Sat. 8pm.** M. Forde, M. Martin, M. Mc Guane

**Sun. 10am.** R. Lewis, J. Brady, B. Grimes.

