

# Enfield / Rathmolyon Bulletin



**Prayer to St. Charles of Mount Argus:** Heavenly Father, you filled Saint Charles with your Holy Spirit. In love with Christ Crucified he spent his life in prayer at the foot of the Cross. From the Cross he went forth to bring Good News to the poor, healing to the sick and dying, forgiveness to the sinner. Look now on your people who cry to you. Through the intercession of Saint Charles give us the graces we need. Heal our aches and pains, our hurts and wounds, our anxieties and bad memories. Free us from depressions, habits of sin, and all evil. Strengthen our faith, deepen our hope and increase our love. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father. St. Charles pray for us. **Devotions in honour of St. Charles** in Rathmolyon church on Sunday 10th January. **Rosary** at 11.40 am. **Mass** at 12 noon followed by **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament** and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All virtually on line via webcam & facebook

## Weekend 9th /10th January, 2021.

Due to Covid restrictions we are broadcasting Mass from Rathmolyon Church this Saturday at 7pm & from Jordanstown on Sunday at 10am. All via webcam and facebook.

### This weekend

**Saturday 7pm.** James and Helen Fox. Maureen Doran, John, Teresa, Alice and Seán Doran. James and Elizabeth Barker and deceased relatives. Peter Lynam, 2nd anniversary. Baby Phyllis Ann Souhan.

**Sunday 10am.** Paddy Sheridan, m.m. Michael O Rafferty, 1st anniv

**Masses during the week** on Tuesday and Thursday from Jordanstown and Wednesday and Friday from Rathmolyon. All Masses via webcam and facebook

### Next weekend:

**Saturday 7pm.** Jason Henrick, 1st anniv. Robert Greville. Michael and Christina Farrell, Denis and Jane Farrell, Thomas and Elizabeth Foran, Dalystown.

**Sunday 10am.** Tommy Mulvaney. Patricia Healy. Timmy and Tess Foran. Cathy Daniel, 5th anniv.

**Please pray** for Dessie Foran, Baynefield. Seán Murphy, Ballymore, Westmeath, brother of Edel McGrane, Fordstown. Beatrice Duffy, Canada, sister of Paddy Henrick. Margaret Buckley, Glen Abhainn. Finian Fields, Kilcock. Brian Coyne, Kilcock. R.I.P.

**Jordanstown: Building €330. Offerings: €535.**

**Rathmolyon: Building: €90. Offerings: €320.**

**Thanks to all who returned Building fund envelope last weekend..**

**Irish Catholic** at back of Church in Jordanstown and in Ryan's Rathmolyon. Price €2.



**The Baptism of our Lord** is celebrated this weekend. We ask God's blessing on all children baptized in our parish in the past year. Their names are in the Crib. We ask God's Blessing too on their parents and God Parents.

**Prayer for the newly baptised and their families:** Lord, as we gather today, we ask your blessing on all newly baptised. Hold them in your arms and bless them. Shine your light on the path before them and let them always feel your loving presence as they travel along the paths of life. Lord, we ask your blessing on their parents, grandparents and godparents. May they guide them with their own example of your love and always be ready to listen and to comfort, to laugh and to play, to encourage and to praise. May they always show their children that they are special in their eyes and also in yours. Amen

**Thank You - Parish Collections:** A word of gratitude to the many people who supported the Priests Christmas Offering, Plate Collections and Building Fund Collections over Christmas. People were very generous. As Priests of the parish we thank you. If you still wish to contribute you may do so by dropping your contribution into the boxes at the back of our Churches, call to the Priests house or using the **Donate** Button on the Parish website, which is a very safe and secure way to contribute to the support of your Priest's and parish. An extra €1,087 was donated through this Donate button over the Christmas period. **Many Thanks**



**Our Own Baptism** This is the day for us to remember the graces we have received in Baptism and to renew our Baptismal promises: On the day of our Baptism, as Pope St. John Paul II explains, We were anointed with the Oil of Catechumens, the sign of Christ's gentle strength, to fight against evil. Blessed water was poured over us, an effective sign of Interior purification through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We were then anointed with Chrism to show that we were thus consecrated in the image of Jesus, the Father's Anointed One. The candle lighted from the Paschal Candle was a symbol of the light of Faith which our parents and godparents must have continually safeguarded and nourished with the life-giving grace of the Spirit." This is also a day for us to renew our Baptismal promises, consecrating ourselves to the Holy Trinity and "rejecting Satan and all his empty promises," which our profane world is constantly offering us through its mass-media of communication. Let us ask Our Lord today to make us faithful to our Baptismal promises. Let us thank Him for the privilege of being joined to His mission of preaching the "Good News" by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness

**On the feast of the Epiphany on Wednesday last , Pope Francis** reflected on the light which the liturgical feast brings to our world. He said Epiphany celebrates the same mystery as Christmas - the birth of Christ - but from the perspective of light and the manifestation of the Lord to all peoples. That light, the Pope noted, should be "welcomed in faith and the light to bring to others in charity, through witness, in the proclamation of the Gospel". Reflecting on Isaiah's vision (60:1-6), "darkness covers the earth, and thick darkness the peoples." Pope Francis said the prophet's description of his time is more relevant than ever: In such obscurity, the prophet Isaiah announced the coming of "the light given by God to Jerusalem and destined to shine on the path of all the peoples." The Pope said this attractive vision invites hope, and reminds us that God's light overcomes all shadow of darkness. Turning to Matthew's telling of the Magi adoring Jesus (Mt 2:1-12), Pope Francis pointed out that the light foreseen by Isaiah was the Babe of Bethlehem, even if not everyone accepted His kingship. "He is the star who appeared on the horizon, the awaited Messiah, the One through whom God would inaugurate His kingdom of love, of justice and of peace," said the Pope. "He was born not only for some, but for all peoples. But how, asked Pope Francis, does Christ's light come to shine everywhere and on everyone? "Through the proclamation of the Gospel," he said. "The star is Christ," he said, "but we too can and must also be the star for our brothers and sisters, as witnesses of the treasures of goodness and infinite mercy that the Redeemer offers freely to everyone." Pope Francis then urged everyone to welcome the light of Christ on this Epiphany, and allow ourselves to be guided - like the Magi - and converted by Christ."