

## Borrow for imagination

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Have you called into the Rathmines Library recently or indeed have you been in any public library in the last few weeks or months?

Someone suggested that I read Elisabeth Kubler-Ross's autobiography. Never heard of her or the book so I went down to the library in Rathmines. They told me it was out but that they would email me when it was available. And true to their word, on Wednesday the email arrived, informing me that the book was in the library and they would hold it until July 26.

How the world of libraries has changed. They have gone from being stuffy off-putting pseudo-scholarly scary buildings to being warm and welcoming places, where you can fall into a soft chair and read to your heart's content.

Maybe it's similar in all libraries but there is such a lovely atmosphere in Rathmines. A wide selection of daily national and UK newspapers is available. It's the perfect place to relax and have a free read of a hard-copy newspaper.

And the staff could not be friendlier or more helpful.

Did you know that you can now return a library book at any of the State's Public Libraries? So, say I bring Kubler-Ross's book to Kerry with me and finish it there, I can deposit it in the library in Tralee. If Rathmines does not have a requested book they can search in any of the State's Public Libraries for it and get it to you.

And all of these facilities are available for free once you have a library card. With that card you can borrow books from all the Public Libraries within the State. The card is akin to the Travel Pass with fewer restrictions on it.

It also allows you to read many of the world's press online.

If you download an app called PressReader, supply details of your library card when prompted, hey presto, up jumps a myriad local and national newspapers from around the world. I have seen Indian, Canadian, German and even Kerry newspapers appear. You can read away to your heart's content and all for free. If you prefer to read a hard copy, then you can print it off if you wish.

The State's libraries also offer an online reading service called 'Borrowbox'; more about that on another occasion.

Isn't it interesting how so often we miss what is right in front of our noses? Our libraries are a gem. Use them. Drop into Rathmines Library and surprise yourself. And note the welcome you will receive.

## Collections 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Offertory Collection: €1, 218

Share Collection: €804

Thank you for your support for these collections, and for your contributions to the Parish Fund each month.

**Christian Meditation** takes place every Thursday morning after 10.00am Mass. Meditation is the quiet prayer of faith, silence, stillness and simplicity handed on to us by the Benedictine Monk, John Main O.S.B. All are welcome.

**SeniorLine** is urgently looking for women and men aged 55+ to train as telephone line volunteers. Training begins in September. SeniorLine is a national service for older people who may be lonely, unsupported, or with specific problems. For further information, please phone: Anne at 087-7450721.

**Study Theology Online** Saturday lectures in the Priory Institute, Tallaght, or from the comfort of your own home. Register now for Autumn 2019. Contact: [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com) or phone 01 4048124. Also see notices and leaflets at the back of the Church.

**Computers for the Terrified.** If you are frustrated by your lack of computer skills, or feel that the digital age has passed you by, Age Action runs beginner courses for older people who have little or no experience with 1 to 1 training for over 55's. For more information about the course or if you would like to become a volunteer phone: 01 475 6989.

**Lough Derg:** Final date for this Summer's pilgrimages to Lough Derg is from the 9 - 11 August (season ends on 15 august) - direct from Dublin cost is €115 pensioners and students €105. To book please phone: 086 3853027 or 01 4941171.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** Join us on this special pilgrimage where you will have an opportunity to walk in the Footsteps of Jesus by visiting Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mount Tabor, Jerusalem and much more. Join a Dublin Parish on this trip of a lifetime from 13 - 21 September with direct flights Dublin - Tel Aviv return €1695 p.p.s. Limited Places available - Contact MAP Travel - call Patricia on (01) 8783111 or email: [Patricia@maptravel.ie](mailto:Patricia@maptravel.ie) or visit: [www.maptravel.ie](http://www.maptravel.ie).

**Volunteers:** St Vincent De Paul urgently needs volunteers in the areas of Dublin, Wicklow and Kildare to work in assistance with individuals and families for just once a week. This will be for about 3 hours, day or night, (whatever suits you best). Full training and support provided - for more information Tel: 01 8198405 or visit: [www.SVP.ie](http://www.SVP.ie) / [volunteer@svp.ie](mailto:volunteer@svp.ie) /

## Cemetery Sundays

**Esker:** Sunday 25th Aug at 3.00pm.

**Glencullen:** Sunday 14th July 2019 at 3 pm