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Enfield Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 1/2nd August, 2015

Sat.7pm. Kathleen Dixon (birthday remembrance).

Hugh O'Malley (brother of Kitty O'Hara, who died recently).

9am. Jim and Kathleen Sullivan

11am. Paddy McLoughlin and Andy Tyrrell.

Tuesday-Friday: Mass at 9.30am. **Saturday:** Mass 10am.

Next weekend: Sat.7pm. Harry Clinton. Kevin and Sarah Carey.

Gerry Gorry and relatives. John and Roseanne Byrne. Alice and Gerry Dowling.

Baby Jack and baby Phyllis Souhan. **9am. 11am.** Michael Beatty, 2nd anniv.

Plate Collection: €880. **Building Fund:** €320. *Many thanks.*

Building Fund envelope due this weekend.

Irish Catholic Newspaper on sale at the back of church. Price €1.60

Baptisms: 1st and 4th Sunday and 3rd Saturday of the month.

Next Baptism Meeting on Tuesday 4th August at 8.30pm in Enfield Meeting Room.

We welcome Shay Christopher Barry, Gracie Beth Walsh, Ciara Jacinta Clarke and Leo James Callanan baptised this weekend.

Friday is the First Friday. The sick and housebound will be attended on Thursday. If anyone requires a visit at hospital or at home contact Parochial House.

Jordanstown Church Windows: The St. Therese and Sacred Heart windows have been re-leaded, re-strengthened and re-fitted. Work will continue on remaining windows in need of repairs. **Total cost of all work is €34,685.**

Many thanks for your support.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 9th August. Bus leaving Station Yard Enfield at 8.30am. Fare €20 Adult, €10 child. Phone 046 9555215/086 8616780.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival: Cistercian College, Roscrea, Tipperary.

Thurs. 13th – Sun. 16th August. For young people aged 16-35. Contact 01-6753690.

Baconstown First Responders: Fundraising B.B.Q. on this Saturday 1st August in Rathcore Golf & Country Club. Adm. €20.

Enfield C.E. Scheme: Vacancy for C.E.worker for Rathmolyon Parochial House. Duties include mowing, strimming, hedgecutting, etc. C.E. eligibility required. Call 085 7853968.

Vintage Rally: Castle Vintage Club will hold a Rally on Sunday 2nd August at McGovern's, Moyvalley. Display of Vintage Tractors, Classic Cars, Motorcycles, etc. Proceeds in aid of Meath MS. No entry fee. All donations welcome.

The Irish Catholic: Future of Irish Church rests on 'strong' lay people. Pages 1 & 2. Golf star Zach Johnson thanks God for talent. Page 3. The voice of an angel. Page 11. Amnesty have turned their back on equality and the vulnerable. Page 12.

Na Fianna GFC: Lotto Nos. 13,16,19,24. No winner. **Next week's jackpot: €10,000.**

'Cycle' Race in aid of Na Fianna Player Injury Fund: Monday 3rd August at 4pm starting from Enfield Grounds. Registration at 3pm. 3 Routes to choose from: 50k, 30k - €15 per cyclist, 10k family cycle and fun run at 5pm - €20 per family. BBQ afterwards for all entrants.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 12th - 17th Sept. Led by Bishop Michael Smith. Prices from €689 all inclusive. Booking forms from Parochial House or tel. 01-6359300

Childminder required from September: Experienced childminder required 3 days per week. Baconstown area. Contact 086 8756379.

Reflection: The present moment I may never see tomorrow, there's no written guarantee, and things that happened yesterday belong to history. I cannot predict the future, I cannot change the past, I have just the present moment, I must treat it as my last. I must use the moment wisely, for it soon will pass away, and be lost to me forever as part of yesterday. I must exercise compassion, help the fallen to their feet, be a friend unto the friendless, make an empty life complete. The unkind things I do today may never be undone, any friendships that I fail to win may nevermore be won. I may not have another chance on bended knee to pray, and I thank God with humble heart for giving me this day. I may never see tomorrow, but this moment is my own. It's mine to use or cast aside; the choice is mine, alone. I have just this precious moment in the sunlight of today, where the dawning of tomorrow meets the dusk of yesterday.

Today's Gospel: *The hungers of life* We hunger for a feeling of importance. Nobody wants to be a nobody. We all want to matter, if only to one person. We hunger for acceptance. If we are not accepted it becomes almost impossible for use to realise ourselves. We hunger for relationships. Without them we are at the mercy of cold winds of anguish and loneliness. We hunger for motivation. Without it we are like a sail boat without the wind. We hunger for faith, for a set of positive beliefs to guide us. Otherwise we are like a ship without chart or compass or port of destination. We hunger for hope. If this was fully satisfied then most of our other hungers would disappear. However, there is one further hunger, a deeper one, and one that underlies all our other hungers, including that of love. It is the hunger for eternal life. In other words, the hunger for God. To experience this hunger is not a misfortune but a blessing. Only God can satisfy our deepest hungers.

The Letter to the Ephesians today could almost have been written as a column on New Year's resolutions. It invites us to 'put away your former way of life' and to 'clothe yourselves with the new self', while also speaking of becoming 'renewed in the spirit of your minds'. But the source of this makeover – bodily and spiritual – is not ourselves, but Christ whose peace is said to 'rule in our hearts' according to a similar passage found in the Letter to the Colossians. What areas of my life do I need to be renewed at the moment – and what parts of my life do I need to let go of?

Next weekend: Ministers of the Eucharist:

Vigil Mass: M. Farley, E. McNally. 9am. E. Payne, I. Scully.

11am. B. Walsh, N. Curran.

Readers: Vigil Mass: M. Crehan, E. McGuinness.

9am. M. Foley, M. Dorgan. 11am. M. Duggan, N. McCullagh.

Servers: Sat. 7pm. Group 4: P. Tobin, M. Nolan, H. O'Reilly.

9am. Group 5: N. Mulvihill, C. Malone, E. O'Hara.

11am. Group 6: S. Wynne, A. Wynne, M. Mi Fhaogain O'Kelly, P. Flynn.