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Enfield Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 13/14th December, 2014

Sat. 7pm. Brendan and Thomas Geraghty. **Sun. 9am.**

11am. Margaret Dooley, 1st anniv.

Tuesday-Friday: Mass at 9.30am. **Friday:** Mass for Sandra Quinn
Sat 10am.

Next weekend:

Sat. 7pm. Tess and Paddy Boggan. James and Michael Deering and Margaret Ennis. Michael Greaney. Margaret Brennan Sheridan. Jim, Ita and Seán Guinan and deceased family members. **Sun. 9am.** Tom, Kitty and Jim Murphy. Christopher, Eileen and Marie Cleary and Mona Stewart.

11am. Bertie, Ita and Eilish Healy and the Horan family. Patrick and Peg Pender. Deceased members of Enfield Senior Citizens.

Christmas Eve: Mass at 6pm and 9pm. The 9pm Mass will be candlelit.

Christmas Day: Mass at 9am and 11am.

Plate Collection: €1,191.(incl. Holy Day). **Building Fund:** €870. *Many thanks.*

Baptisms after 11am Mass on 1st and 4th Sunday and 3rd Saturday at 2pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 10am-7pm Thurs: 10-1pm & 7-10pm.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Annie Kiely, Walkinstown, mother of Annette Leamy, Glenidan Court, Michael Sammon, Ballymurray, Roscommon brother of Des Sammon, Enfield and Tony Killeen, Broadford. R.I.P.

First Friday calls for Christmas and New Year will take place on Thursday next. If anyone is ill in hospital or at home and would like a visit, please contact either Parochial House and we can arrange same.

Folk Choir practice on Thursday night at 7.30pm in Parish Meeting Room.

Adult Choir practice on Wednesday night at 7.30pm in the church.

We welcome First Holy Communion Children & their families this weekend.

Penance Service for Christmas: Tuesday 16th December. Rathmolyon 7pm and Jordanstown 8pm. A number of visiting priests will be available for confessions. We encourage all to avail of the Penance Service in preparation for Christmas.

Stamps for the Missions: Apostolic Works Society would be grateful for any used stamps. Leave 0.5" around the stamp and put into box at back of church.

During Advent why not give some time to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Na Fianna GFC: Lotto Nos. 2,14,26,28. No winner. Next week's jackpot: €8,800.

Fixtures: *Sunday 14* Minor Hurling Semi-final NaF V Rathoath at 10.30am in Trim.

Na Fianna Ladies: Players Meeting this Friday 19th at 8.30pm in Enfield Pitch.

White Collar Boxing: Na Fianna v Johnstownbridge on Saturday 27th December in Hamlet Court Hotel. *Weigh In:* Slighe Mór at 9pm on 29th December.

Church Clean Up for Christmas: This Monday 15th December at 7pm.

Christmas Concert organized by *Enfield Comhaltas* in Enfield School on Friday 19th at 6.30pm. Free admission. Raffle on the night. Followed by a few tunes in Bridge House.

Baconstown Old School: Competition for children 6-12 years. Draw a Christmas picture, write a short story or think of an invention. Send entries with name, age and contact number to V. Dargan, G. McDonnell or B. Carey by 17th December.

Talk on "The Redefinition of Marriage & the Rights of Children" on Tuesday 16th Dec. at 7.30pm in the Ardboyne Hotel by Breda O'Brien of the Iona Institute.

St. Vincent de Paul: Church Gate Collection this weekend. In these difficult times for many, the demands on the Society are great. Thank you for your generosity. Vincent de Paul shop is now open at premises in Enfield Monday-Friday 9.30-3.30pm.

Christmas Offerings for the support of the Priests will be taken up at all Christmas Masses. Many thanks to everybody for their support and generosity throughout the year.

Santa is Coming: Come visit Santa with members of Enfield Revue Variety Show in his grotto at SuperValu this Sunday 14th December from 1-5pm. €5 per child.

Today's Gospel: 'A witness to speak for the light' There is so much darkness around us: in the Church, in the troubled parts of the world, in our own families and even in our own hearts. It is easy to become cynical. The Gospel today tells us that John the Baptist was someone who was 'a witness to speak for the light.' He gave hope to people. We can think of many people in society today who witness to the light. One that comes to mind is Malala Yousafzai. Malala was shot by the Taliban on her way to school in Pakistan. She was targeted for speaking out on the rights of women to education. She has said: 'We realise the importance of our voices only when we are silenced. I was shot on a Tuesday at lunchtime, one bullet, one gunshot heard around the world.' Malala was in her chemistry class when she heard she was to be the youngest ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. She celebrated by going on to a physics class. Look around your families and communities and you will see many who witness to the light. We each have the capacity to do the same, however dark the situation may be. The Gospel challenge is to bring hope and good news. We should take example from the Malala's of the world. *They bear witness to the rest of us that somewhere in the dark a light always shines, a light that darkness cannot overpower, and therefore we can all believe again.* Michel de Verteuil

Next weekend:

Ministers of the Eucharist: Vigil Mass: Mairead Farley, Edel McNally.

9am. Eileen Payne, Ian Scully. 11am. Betty Walsh, Noeleen Curran.

Readers: Vigil Mass: Jude Burke, Christine Scully.

9am. Anne-Marie Coffey, Brian Williams. 11am. Geraldine Gill, Eugene Grogan.

Servers: Sat. 7pm. Group 3: Amy Boland, Lauryn McElvanna, Katie Flynn.

Sun. 9am. Group 4: Poppy Tobin, Michelle Nolan, Hazel O'Reilly.

Sun. 11am Group 5: Niamh Mulvihill, Cathal Malone, Ellen O'Hara.

