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## Enfield Parish Bulletin

**Masses this weekend: 27/28th December, 2014**

**Sat.7pm.** Ned Gillespie. **9am.**

**11am.** Thomas Hassett. Jimmy McNally. Bernie Watson Lawless.

**Thursday: New Year's Day. Feast day of Mary the Mother of God. World day of Prayer for Peace. Mass in Jordanstown at 10am.** A nice way to begin the New Year and ask the Lord's Blessing on ourselves and our family.

**Next weekend:**

**Sat.7pm.** Rosie McDonnell, m.m. **9am.**

**11am.** Margaret O'Gorman. Matt Reynolds and parents, Rathroane. Jim and Kathleen Sullivan.

**Plate Collection:** €989. **Building Fund:** €675.

**Plate Collection:** Christmas Eve and Christmas Day €3,338. *Many thanks.*

**No Mass or Eucharistic Adoration** in the Oratory this week. Adoration resumes on Tuesday 13th January.

**Irish Catholic Newspaper** on sale at back of church. €1.60 Great reading.

**Parish Calendars** available at the back of church. Please take one.

**Baptisms** after 11am Mass on 1st and 4th Sundays and 3rd Saturday at 2pm. We welcome Freya May Bieniek, Larry Thomas Wall and Jack William Holton baptised this weekend.

**Thanks** to all who contributed to the Christmas Offerings Collection for the support of the Priests. Your support, generosity, kindness and encouragement is very much appreciated.

**Devotions** in honour of St. Charles of Mount Argus in Rathmolyon Church on Sunday 4th January from 3-5pm. All welcome.

**Thanks** to all who helped with the Christmas ceremonies in our church: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Society, Organist, Adult Choir, Folk Choir, Altar Servers, Collectors, Sacristans and Caretaker.

**The Baptism of Our Lord** is celebrated on the weekend of 10th/11th January. In a special way we ask God's continued blessing on all children baptised in our Parish in the past year. We invite and welcome them and their families to Mass that weekend for special prayers of blessing for parents and children.

**Tuesday week 6th January: Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord** is a Holyday. Masses at 9am and 7pm in Jordanstown.

**Na Fianna GFC:** Lotto Nos. 4,5,10,12. No winner. Next week's jackpot: €8,950. **White Collar Boxing** this Saturday night in Hamlet Court Hotel.

**Enfield Celtic F.C. 25 Years of Football:** In conjunction with the opening of our 2 new pitches next Summer the club are hoping to publish a book about the history of the club. Anyone with photographs, newspaper clippings, team or player information since the club was founded are asked to contact Christ Hunt 085 1651685.

**Chernobyl Children International Church Gate Collection this weekend.** The collection is to pay for all flight costs for the Christmas 3 week holiday and 3 months of the Summer holidays 2015 for Chernobyl children.

**Fr. Michael and Fr. Timothy** wish everybody peace and blessings for the New Year.

**Ministers of the Word:** Missals for the coming year are available in the Sacristy.

**Parish Website:** For those who are home at Christmas you can keep in touch with parish activities by logging on to www.enfieldparish.ie

**To all bereaved parents: Remembrance** In the garden stands a manger softly lit with candle light, where a mother laid her baby on a blessed Christmas Night. Mary was the mother mild. Jesus Christ her little child. Mother may we know what joy that you felt with your baby boy. We also know the pain of loss as you saw Him die upon the cross. O' Mother Mary heal our heart as we share with you our pain of loss. We trust our children are full of heavenly light as we celebrate this happy and Holy Christmas night.

**Today's Gospel: The Holy Family**

Every month of the year, the Holy Father gives us two intentions for which he asks our prayers. One of these intentions would refer to the church in some country, where Christians may be suffering persecution perhaps, and the other might be more general. This month of December we are asked to pray for married couples, as follows "That parents be true evangelisers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith". Pope Francis is strong on the importance of prayer in the home. Morning prayer and evening prayer, including the Rosary, are all important. Remember Fr. Patrick Peyton's call to prayer in the family: "The family that prays together stays together". Sunday Eucharist is important. How inspiring it is to see father and mother and children coming to church on Sunday morning or on Saturday evening. We are often told that the family is the church in miniature, where prayers are offered and where prayer and forgiveness are part of everyday life. Our Holy Father speaks of 'protecting people, showing loving concerns for each and every person, especially the children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about'. He emphasises the importance of the family: husbands and wives first protect one another, and then, as parents, they care for their children and children themselves, in time, protect their parents: Pope Francis also explains the importance of caring for society by 'building sincere friendships in which we protect one another in trust, respect and goodness.

**Next weekend: Ministers of the Eucharist:**

Vigil Mass: Teresa Greaney, Cathal Berry. 9am. Tony Walsh.

11am. Mary Reilly, Michael Gleeson.

**Readers:** Vigil Mass: Cathy Jones, Niamh Burke.

9am. Blaithin Bailey, Karina Holton. 11am. Syl Murphy, Ciaran Counihan.

**Servers:** Sat. 7pm. Group 5: N. Mulvihill, C. Malone, E. O'Hara.

Sun. 9am. Group 6: S. Wynne, A. Wynne, M. Ni Phaogain O'Kelly, Paddy Flynn.

Sun. 11am Group 7: D. Fawcett, N. O'Donovan Hamilton, K. Jordan Ojukwu.

