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Enfield Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 6/7th December, 2014

Sat. 7pm. Gerry Walsh, 1st anniv. John Flynn, Connellstown. Thos Reilly, Christine Mullally, Thomas Mullally. **Sun. 9am.**

11am. Mary Rispin, Paula Rispin. Deceased members of the Quinn family, Rathcore.

Monday: 8th December– Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day).

Mass in Jordanstown at 9am and 7pm and in Rathmolyon at 10am and 8pm.

Tuesday - Friday: Mass at 9.30am.

Sat 10am. George and Kitty Larkin, Phil and Maisie McLoughlin.

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

11am. Margaret Dooley, 1st anniv.

Plate Collection: €957. **Building Fund:** €595. *Many thanks.*

Building fund envelope due this weekend.

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

We welcome Leo Thomas Holton baptized this weekend.

Penance Service for Christmas: Tuesday 16th December. 7pm Rathmolyon and 8pm Jordanstown.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 10am-9pm No Adoration on Thursday night.

Christ the King Prayer Group: Meet every Monday evening in Enfield Parish Meeting room 7.30-8.30pm. All welcome.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rosie McDonnell, Navan (sister of Paddy Monaghan) and Stephen Kinsella, Coill Dubh, father of Peter Kinsella, Jordanstown and brother of Kitty Coffey and Reecie Flynn, whose funerals took place during the week. R.I.P.

Folk Choir practice on Wednesday night at 7.30pm in the oratory.

Adult Choir practice on Wednesday night at 7.30pm.

Baconstown School : History Book has been reprinted. Copies on sale from the school, local shops, committee members and after Masses this weekend. Price €15. An ideal Christmas present.

Youth 2000 Ireland: Annual Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th December. Over 500 young people from across Ireland (aged 16-35) are expected at this donation only event, with all newcomers welcome. Free buses available. Online booking www.youth2000.ie

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

Na Fianna GFC: Lotto Nos. 17,21,27,29. No winner. Next week's jackpot: €8,650.

Juvenile Presentation Awards: Sunday 7th December in Enfield NS. at 3pm.

White Collar Boxing: Saturday 27th December in Hamlet Court Hotel.

Lighting of Christmas Tree in Enfield on Saturday 6th December at 8pm (after Mass). Carols and fun.

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.

Enfield Rathmolyon Community Games: AGM on Wednesday 10th December at 8pm in Baconstown Old School. This year we celebrate 25 years in existence. Volunteers welcome to ensure our children play and compete in safety. All welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection next 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 on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th Dec. from 1-5pm. €5 per child.

Messages of Hope -Irish Catholic: Carrountoohill's Cross takes its place again, page 9. Pope Francis in Turkey. Tips for a stress free Christmas celebration, page 25.

This weekend marks the second Sunday of Advent. Things we might do for Advent; Prepare a sacred space at home. Go to daily Mass. Go to Confession. Visit the elderly. Give an hour to Eucharistic Adoration.

Today's Gospel - Prepare a Way John the Baptist is an interesting character. He wasn't someone who kept up with the latest fashion. We are told he wore strange clothes, ate insects and lived in the desert. And yet John was very popular as we hear that 'all of Judea' came to him. There was obviously something very attractive about John. People could see something in him; something that inspired them; something that gave them hope. John is clear that he is not the one they are looking for; rather he is someone who is pointing to the one they are looking for. John shows the way for people, he is a signpost to God. The world says to God, 'we no longer need you, we know what is best'. And then we look at the wilderness of our modern world and hear the voice of one crying, 'Prepare a way'. How do we prepare for welcoming God's love into our hearts? God is crying out for us to welcome him again and again. It is us who are blocked; we put so many things in the way. John is urging us to clear the path, to let go of all the things that are preventing us from experiencing God's love. John is calling people out from despair into hopefulness.

Next weekend: (Please check rota for Holy Day Monday 8th December)

Ministers of the Eucharist: Vigil Mass: John Lynam, Helen McLoughlin.

9am. Diarmuid Fagan. 11am. Olive McGuinness, Eileen Costello.

Readers: Vigil Mass: Amanda Glynn, Paul Duggan. 9am. Noel Murphy. 11am. Elaine Rispin, Lewis Dowling.

Mass Servers: Sat. 7pm. Group 8: Sophie Burke, Kirsten Poleon, Zoe Murray

Sun. 9am. Group 1: Niamh Coffey, Megan Jones, Caoimhe Slattery.

Sun. 11am Group 2: Ben Stewart, Seanán Fagan.

