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Enfield Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 12/13th December, 2015

Sat.7pm. Deceased members of the Deering Family. Deceased members of Enfield Senior Citizens. **9am.** Christopher, Eileen and Marie Cleary and Mona Stewart. Katie, Tommy and Cissie Delahunty. Lists of the Dead.

11am. Mary Rispin. Paula Rispin. Brendan and Thomas Geraghty.

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

Next weekend: Sat.7pm. Michael Greaney. Paddy and Tess Boggan. Sandra Quinn. **9am.** Tom, Catherine and Jim Murphy and Tommy Nolan.

11am. Ita and Bertie Healy. Rose Fowler and Eilish Cherubini. Margaret Brennan Sheridan.

Plate Collection: €823. **Building Fund:** €635. *Many thanks.*

Eucharistic Adoration: *Tuesday:* 10am-9pm. *Thursday:* 10am-1pm & 7-10pm.

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

Please pray for Kit Loughlin, Possextown and Paddy Holton, Cloona laid to rest in the past week.

Christmas Eve Masses at 6pm and 9pm. The 9pm Mass will be candlelit. Mass on Christmas Day at 9am and 11am.

Irish Catholic: 1916 Church & The Rising, special souvenir edition this week.

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Adult Choir: Practice on Wednesday at 7.30pm in Enfield meeting room.

Folk Choir: Practice on Thursday at 7.30pm in Enfield meeting room.

St. Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection this weekend. In these difficult times for many, the demands of the Society are great. Thank you for your support. This year the Annual Appeal will focus on the message "Say Yes to St. Vincent de Paul because your help can last a lifetime".

Penance Service for Christmas: Tuesday 22nd December. 7pm Rathmolyon and 8pm Jordanstown with a number of visiting priests. We encourage all to avail of the Penance Service in preparation for Christmas.

Christmas Offerings: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are Offering Days for the support of the priests of the parish. Please give subscription to collector at church door or place envelope in box at the back of the church. Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Na Fianna GFC: Lotto Nos. 1,10,16, 22. Next week's jackpot €10,000.

Fixture: Sunday 13th Dec; U17 Football League Div 1 Final: Na Fianna v Donaghmore/Ashbourne @ 2.30 in Dunganny.

Lighting of Christmas Tree in Enfield this Saturday at 8pm. Carols & Mulled wine

Rathmolyon Youth Choir present an evening of Christmas Carols and Songs in Rathmolyon Church on Friday 18th December at 7.30pm. Donations on the night for a local charity. Your support greatly appreciated. All welcome

Church Clean Up for Christmas: Monday 14th December at 7pm.

If anyone is ill in hospital or at home and would like a visit, please contact either Parochial House and we can arrange same.

We welcome First Holy Communion children and families this weekend.

Senior Citizens-Active Retirement Club: Flower Demonstration by Caroline Doran on Tuesday 15th Dec. at 8pm in Enfield Parish Meeting Room. Refreshments will be served and the floral arrangements will be raffled on the night. Adm. €5.

Advent Prayer: Come, Lord Jesus. Come into our hearts. Come into our homes. Come to those who are lonely. Come to those who are fearful. Come to those who are sick. Come to those who are poor. Come to those who are grieving. Come to those who have no faith. Come to those who have no hope. Come to those who have no love. Come to the victims of violence. Come to those in the grip of addiction. Come to those in prison. Come to us in our needs at Christmas. Amen.

Today's Gospel: Reflection—Joy There is a clear note of joy in today's liturgy. Joy is a blend of laughter and tears. It consists in having a love affair with life. It is having a heart aglow with warmth for all one's companions on the road of life. It is looking for happiness that comes in small packages, knowing the big packages are few and far between. It is making the most of the present, enjoying what is at hand right now. Joy is love bubbling over into life. And it can coexist with pain. Joy is the flag we fly when Christ, the Prince of Peace, has taken up residence in our hearts

Musings: 'Joy is what makes life worth living, but, for many, joy seems hard to find. They complain that their lives are sorrowful and depressing. What then brings the joy we so much desire? Are some people just lucky, while others have run out of luck? Strange as it may sound, we can choose joy. Two people can be part of the same event, but one may choose to live it quite differently than the other. One may choose to trust that what happened, painful as it may be, holds a promise. The other may choose despair and be destroyed by it. What makes us human is precisely this freedom of choice.' (Henri Nouwen)

Next weekend:

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Vigil: P. Clancy, L. Devine, M. Alford. 9am. R. McLoughlin. 11am. E. Mulvihill, M. McLoughlin, J. O'Sullivan.

Readers: Vigil Mass: E. McGuinness.

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

Servers: Sat. 7 pm. Group 1: J. Hanley, C. Flynn, S. Doherty.

Sun. 9 am. Group 2: R. Forde, E. Farrell, K. Kelly.

Sun. 11 am. Group 3: E. Healy, T. Stack, A. Costello.