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Enfield Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 19/20th December, 2015

Sat.7pm. Michael Greaney. Paddy and Tess Boggan. Sandra Quinn.
9am. Tom, Catherine and Jim Murphy and Tommy Nolan. Ned and Bridget Pender. **11am.** Ita and Bertie Healy. Rose Fowler and Eilish Cherubini. Margaret Brennan Sheridan. Patrick and Peg Pender

Tuesday and Wednesday: Mass at 9.30am.

Christmas Eve. Mass at 6pm. Anne, John and Kathleen Mullen.

Mass at 9pm. Kathleen and Michael Coakley. Timmy and Tess Foran. Bridget and Tom Joe Connolly. Mary Tarrant. Elizabeth and Anthony Kennedy.

Christmas Day: Mass at 9am. Michael, Ellen, Joe, Jim, Rita & Bridie Cully
Mass at 11am. Intentions of all parishioners and friends.

Next weekend: Sat.7pm. 9am. 11am. Thomas Hassett and Grandparents. Elizabeth and Michael Maxwell and Stephen Devine

Plate Collection: €1,027 (incl. Holy Day) **Building Fund:** €543. *Many thanks.*
Eucharistic Adoration: *Tuesday:* 10am-6pm.

Baptisms: 1st and 4th Sunday and 3rd Saturday of the month. *Welcome*
Calum Daniel McArdle, Josh Robert Mc Garry, Tyler Luke Scully, Raelyn Blu O'Connell, Alice Elizabeth Cody and Ruadhan Eoin Derivan baptised recently.

Please pray for Kathleen Kerrigan, Johnstownbridge (mother of Claire Kerrigan, New Inn), Monica Smith, Kilbeg, Kells (sister of Maureen Mulvihill, Rathmolyon) and Leonard Slevin, formerly of Isaacstown, Rathmolyon who has died in England (funeral Mass on 6th January in Rathmolyon)

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

Adult Choir: Practice on Wednesday at 7.30pm in Jordantown church.

Folk Choir: Practice on Tuesday **7-9pm** in Enfield meeting room.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Church Door Collection amounted to €2,824.

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 Athletic Club are hosting **GOAL MILE** on Christmas Day from 12-1p.m. starting at Boggan's, Rathcore. Please support..

Na Fianna GFC: Lotto Nos. 1,6,19,27. Next week's jackpot €10,000.

Enfield Macra: Live Crib Enfield Hall Christmas Eve. 11am-8pm. Nativity scene from 3pm. Carols and refreshments. Donations to Meath River Rescue

Thanks to the Junior and Senior Infants and teachers for the decorations for the Christmas tree. They are beautiful and enhance our church greatly

Please come early to Christmas Masses for the singing of carols before Mass. Be sure to bring the children to visit the crib and the tree.

Peace Light of Bethlehem: Scout group from Longwood bring "Peace Light" from the grotto in Bethlehem to 11am Mass. The Peace candle will remain lit at all of Christmas Masses. People can take a light from the candle and bring it to their homes. We pray for peace in our homes, community and throughout the world. We thank the scout members & girl guides who have helped to spread this light of peace worldwide.

Canal Jump-In Fundraiser on St. Stephen's Day at 12.30pm at the Dock Bridge, Longwood in aid of Temple Street Foundation and Longwood Active Retirement Club.

Chernobyl Childrens Church Gate Collection on Sat/Sunday 26th/27th December.
Parish Calendars and times of Christmas Masses available at back of church.

Fr. Michael and Fr. Timothy wish everybody peace and joy for Christmas and blessings for the New Year and thank you for your help, support and generosity. We welcome all who have come home to be with family for Christmas.

Today's Gospel: The fact that these two women had a divine intervention is a reminder that our own lives too are a gift of God; It is from this understanding that the Church takes its position on all life issues. At some moments we may recognise the hand of God in our lives. Maybe at the point when we felt we had a priestly or religious vocation or when we finally decided on our partner in marriage. Maybe it was at the birth of a child, a change in job circumstances, or the death of a parent. Maybe it was a moment in prayer, the grace of a sacrament, advice in the confessional, wise words from a friend or relative at a critical moment. God continues to work with us and for us. God takes the long view and there are periods of seeming barrenness, seeming aloneness. But these are all part of that gestation which is life on earth. We were born into this world and we will be reborn into eternal life. Every now and then like John the Baptist we leap in this womb which is our life on earth. Every now and then we recognise God's presence, as John recognised Jesus' presence, and we leap with joy. But life is always moving on and God is always with us. It was God caused us to come into being, who sustains and feeds us, and who will welcome us into life eternal. As well as the birth of Jesus, we celebrate our own birth too at Christmas - a birth, a life that flows towards death and final resurrection.

Next weekend: Ministers of the Eucharist:

Vigil: T. McGarry, R. Duddy. 9am.L.Gallagher, M. O'Malley.

11am. M. Farrell, G. D'Arcy, S. Brady.

Readers: Vigil Mass: C. Jones, N. Burke.

9am. B. Bailey, K. Holton. 11am. S. Murphy, C. Counihan.

Servers:

Sat.7 pm. Group 8: K. Gill, J. McNeill, S. Stanaytyte, M. Mooney.

Sun. 9 am. Group 1: J. Hanley, C. Flynn, S. Doherty.

Sun.11 am. Group 2: R. Forde, E. Farrell, K. Kelly.