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Enfield Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 26/27th December, 2015

Sat.7pm. 9am. 11am. Thomas Hassett and grandparents.
Elizabeth and Michael Maxwell and Stephen Devine. Bernie Watson Lawless.

Friday: 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 & ask the Lord's Blessing on ourselves and our family

Next weekend: Sat.7pm. Ned Gillespie. **9am. 11am.** Jimmy McNally.

Plate Collection: €976. Building Fund: €295. Many thanks.

Building fund envelope due next weekend.

Eucharistic Adoration: No Mass or Eucharistic Adoration in the Oratory this week. Adoration resumes on Tuesday 12th January.

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

Welcome Adam Anthony Breen and Thomas James Cody baptised on Sunday.

Christmas Offerings: 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.

Please pray for Dick Flaherty, Clondoogan, Summerhill (father of Cepta Murphy Connelstown). Funeral Mass in Summerhill on this Sunday at 11.30 am, Eva Fagan Coolock, Dublin, mother of Carol Usher, Glen Abhainn Crescent, and Leonard Slevin (brother of Tom Slevin, Baconstown) who has died in England. Funeral Mass in Rathmolyon on 6th January at 11am.

Congratulations to Michelle Cosgrave & John Farrell married on Wednesday

Jordanstown Cemetery Centenary: This year 2015 is the centenary of the establishment of Jordanstown Graveyard on land acquired from Cliffords, the local landlords. Prior to this Catholic burials took place in Rathcore, Ardenew and Cloncurry cemeteries. There were 8 burials in 1915: Edward Brine, Patrick Hope, Delphina Walsh, John Hanley, Laurence Hope, Brigid Coffey, William Davey and Joe Caffrey. Baconstown Heritage Group have recorded all headstones in Jordanstown up to December 2013 and this information is now available to view on www.enfieldgraveyards.com.

Fr. Michael and Fr. Timothy wish everybody peace and joy and blessings for the New Year and thank you for your help, support and generosity.

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.

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

Na Fianna GFC: Lotto Nos. 7,8,20,21. Next draw on 5th January. €10,000. **Charity Football Game** in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. Hosted by Na Fianna C.L.G. on Sunday 27th Dec. at 12 midday in Enfield GAA Pitch. Join us for some fun and frolics while supporting a great cause.

Peace Light of Bethlehem: The Peace candle will remain lit at all Masses for the beginning of the New Year. 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.

Chernobyl Children's Church Gate Collection this weekend.

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

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

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

Vincent de Paul: Thanks to the children of Enfield school for €875 and to the children of Baconstown school for €400 received this week proceeds of fundraisers.

Building fund During the past year we spent €37,985 on re-leading, re-strengthening and re-fitting some of the Church Windows. In the past week we have also installed new lights for the extension to the carpark. Many thanks to everybody for their support and generosity which has enabled this work to be done.

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. 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: Eucharistic Ministers: (check rota for Holyday)

Vigil: J. Lynam, H. McLoughlin. 9am.D. Fagan.

11am. O. McGuinness, E. Costello, A. Mulvaney.

Readers: Vigil Mass: M. Moore, J. O'Hara.

9am. K. O'Lone, F. Smyth. 11am. E. Jordan, C. Forde.

Servers: Sat.7 pm. Group 3: E. Healy, T. Stack, A. Costello.

Sun. 9 am. Group 4: O. Bright, R. Fagan, M. Lynam.

Sun.11 am. Group 5: U. Coffey, A. O'Sullivan, M. O'Neill.