

Fr. Michael Whittaker: 9541282  
www.enfieldparish.ie

Fr. Timothy: 9555212  
www.rathmolyonparish.ie



## Enfield Parish Bulletin

### Masses this weekend: 10th/11th December, 2016

**Sat. 7pm.** Margaret Brennan Sheridan, Charlie Shanley and his parents Edward and Margaret. **Sun. 9am.** Christopher and Eileen Cleary and Mona Stewart. Michael and James Deering and Margaret Ennis. **Sun. 11am.** James and Marguerita Holton and Leo McKenna. Tommy, Kevin and Una Murray. Deceased members of Na Fianna GAA.

**Monday** Feast of St. Finian, Patron Saint of our Diocese. **Mass at 7pm in Oratory**

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

**Next weekend: Sat. 7pm.** Anne Flynn. Paddy and Tess Boggan. Michael Greaney. **Sun. 9am.** Bridget and Ned Pender. **Sun. 11am.** Bertie and Ita Healy. Eilish Cherubini and Rose Fowler. Brendan and Thomas Geraghty. Deceased members of Enfield Senior Citizens.

**Plate Collection:** €1,070 **Building fund:** €850 *Many thanks.*

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

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

**Please pray** for John Birmingham, Kilshanroe, Mary O'Brien, Tobertynan, Sr. Gerard Murphy, Tullamore, sister of Mary McCloskey, New Road, Baconstown, Anne Gannon, Kilshanroe and Gerry Boyle, Mullingar and Trim. R.I.P.

**Penance Service:** Our annual penance service for Christmas will take place on Tuesday 20th of December in Rathmolyon Church at 7pm and Jordanstown Church at 8pm. A number of visiting priests will be available for confessions.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Church door collection this weekend. Our immediate concern is to help families avoid an empty Christmas. We need your help now and without your support, we simply could not do our work; your 'yes' can last a lifetime.

**Rathmolyon Youth Choir** presents An Evening of Christmas Carols and Songs on Friday 16th December at 7.30pm in Rathmolyon Church. All welcome.

**We welcome** First Holy Communion children and their families this weekend.

**Christmas Eve:** 6pm Mass (Family Mass) Folk Choir Singing  
9pm Mass (Candle-Lit Mass) Adult Choir Singing

**Christmas Day:** 9am Mass Soloist Singing  
11am Mass Adult Choir Singing

**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.

**Calendars** and details of Christmas schedule are being delivered at present.

**Enfield Macra** are hosting a live crib in Enfield on Christmas Eve. Donations to Irish Cancer Society.

**Na Fianna CLG:** Lotto Nos. 5,9,10,28. Next draw Tuesday 13th in the Bridge Bar. **A.G.M.** The Annual General Meeting of Na Fianna C.L.G. will be held in the Bridge Bar (function room) Enfield on this Sunday 11th December at 6pm. **Na Fianna CLG** present Mike Denver in the Hamlet Court Hotel on Thursday 29th December. Local musician Christy McNally will get proceedings underway at 9pm. Tickets €15, available from committee and from the Hamlet Court Hotel.

**Enfield Country Market: Christmas Fare** on Fridays and Saturdays.

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

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

**Folk Choir: Practice on Tuesday at 7.30pm in Jordanstown.**

**Christmas Clean Up:** Jordanstown Church on this Monday night 12th December at 7.30pm. As many as possible of Altar Society please attend.

**Peace Light f Bethlehem:** Longwood Scout group are bringing "Peace Light" from the grotto in Bethlehem to 11am Mass next Sunday. The Peace Candle will remain lit at all the 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.

**The empty crib** this weekend reminds us that it is into the emptiness of our lives and our world that we invite Christ to come with his love, care and protection towards us.

**Todays Gospel: Joy in the Lord -Three things about happiness:**

**First** - happiness needs to be appreciated *right now*. We convince ourselves that life will be better when we get married, have a baby, then another. Then we are frustrated that the kids are not old enough and we will be more content when they are. After that we are frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with. We will certainly be happy when they are out of that stage. We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our spouse gets his or her act together. The truth is there is no better time to be happy than right now.

**Second** - 'If you are happy, *let your face know*.' Maybe we could begin to be more joyful by glancing in the mirror & asking ourselves: does my face look like the face of someone who has heard the good news of the Gospel, namely that I am loved unconditionally by God. **Third** - joy will come to us if we set about trying to *create it for others*. If I go about my life demanding that others carry me rather than seeking to carry them; feeding off others rather than feeding them; demanding that others meet my needs rather than trying to meet theirs, joy will never find me no matter how hard I party or try to crank up good cheer

**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

**Next weekend: Eucharistic Ministers:**

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

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

**Readers:** Vigil Mass: S. McNeill, R. Lambert.

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

**Servers:** Vigil: Group 5: K. Hanley, C. Ryan, C. Duffy.

9am: Group 6: H. O'Hara, K. Counihan.

11am: Group 7: S. O'Reilly Higgins, A. Slevin, N. Smyth

