

Enfield Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 3rd/4th December, 2016

Sat. 7pm. Kit Loughlin, 1st anniv. Sr. Mary Brigid Loughlin, 1st anniv. Gerry Walsh. John and Margaret Lynam, Possextown. Thos Reilly, Clegarrow
Sun. 9am. Lists of Dead **Sun. 11am.** John Flynn, Connellstown. Kathleen and Louis Lanigan. Christine Mullally. Sheila Leahy, Elizabeth Nolan.

Thursday 8th December - Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day). Mass in Jordantown at 9am and 7pm. Also Mass at 10am and 8pm in Rathmolyon.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: Mass at 9.30am.

Saturday: Mass at 10am. Kathleen Dillon (mother of Marie Buckley). R.I.P.

Next weekend: Sat. 7pm. 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. Dec. members of Na Fianna GAA.

Plate Collection: €905. **Building fund:** €540. *Many thanks.*

Building fund envelope due this weekend.

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

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

Please pray for Kathleen Dillon, Listowel, Co. Kerry (mother of Marie Buckley, New Road, Enfield) and Nuala McGinn, Johnstown Road. R.I.P.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Enrolment for children at Masses this weekend.

Christmas Penance Service: Tuesday 20th December.

St. Vincent de Paul: Church door collection next weekend. Our immediate concern is to help families avoid an empty Christmas. We help with the cost of food, energy and education as well as toys. We need your help now and without your support, we simply could not do our work; your 'yes' can last a lifetime.

Some suggestions for December and Advent: Go to daily Mass, do something for charity, do some fasting, go to confession, give some time to Adoration and Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

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

Advent calendar available at www.catholicbishops.ie/advent-calendar with tasks to do every day for children and adults.

Advent Retreat for Young Adults 18-40. 'Pondering with Mary how God is calling you, Married life? Priesthood? Single life? Religious life? Saturday 10th Dec. 9.30am-5pm. Dalgan Park, Navan. Cost: donation. Contact Fr. Joe 086 6036506

Church of Ireland Union of Parishes: Annual Christmas Bazaar on Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm in Parish Hall. Proceeds in aid of Church of Ireland Funds

Switching on of Christmas Lights in Enfield this Saturday night after Mass.

Na Fianna CLG: Lotto Nos. 7,16,17,21. Next draw Tuesday 29th in the Midland Bar.
A.G.M. The 16th Annual General Meeting of Na Fianna C.L.G. will be held in the Bridge Bar (function room) Enfield on Sunday 11th December at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.
Na Fianna Juvenile Presentation: Sunday 4th Dec. in St. Mary's N.S. Enfield at 3pm.
Na Fianna CLG are bringing country star, Mike Denver to the Hamlet Court Hotel on Thursday 29th December to have a welcome everyone home for Christmas dance. Local musician Christy McNally will get proceedings underway at 9pm. Tickets (€15) are on sale for one day only at Supervalu on Saturday 10th December from 11am - 9pm. What a lovely Christmas Gift for someone special. Tickets also on sale at the Hamlet Court Hotel.

Advent thoughts: God has no phone, but I talk to him. He has no facebook, but He is still my friend. He does not have twitter, but I still follow Him.

Enfield Country Market: Christmas Fare operating from the Old Enfield Post Office on Fridays and Saturdays from now until Christmas.

Enfield Celtic: Kids Christmas Party. Sunday 4th December from 5-8pm in the Bridge House. Santa, sweets, treats, disco etc. All support welcome.

Thought for Today: "It's up to You" "One song can spark a moment, One flower can wake the dream. One tree can start a forest, One bird can herald spring. One smile begins a friendship, One handclasp lifts a soul. One star can guide a ship at sea, One word can frame the goal. One vote can change a nation, One sunbeam lights a room. One candle wipes out darkness, One laugh will conquer gloom. One step must start each journey, One word must start each prayer. One hope will raise our spirits, One touch can show you care. One voice can speak with wisdom, One heart can know what's true. One life can make the difference. You see, It's Up to You!"

The straight way Before the motorways a journey took ages, with twists and turns, corners and hills. Now much has been made straight. John's message was that we would live along a path where words and actions match, and where kindness matches convictions. John the Baptist was a man on one mission – to be the messenger of the one he did not know. His life had a vision and a purpose, like when we are really committed to people or to causes or to the poor or to peace in the world. John was the man of desert food and desert dress; he took time out to find what the biggest thing in life was and then kept following it, often not knowing where it would go. The human heart is complicated and we know that. We need that one who will touch our hearts with love and forgiveness and guide us himself in ways that are straight, and whose hand will guide us along straight paths when we need it. God's guiding is gentle. John found that Jesus was a gentler guide: no name-calling, no bringing the axe to the tree, but call-ing each of us his friend, and nourishing the tree rather than cutting it down. Jesus would melt the snow to make a path, not hack at it and destroy in the process. Our hearts can be melted by the love of God and love of others. Think of or remember a time when you made a decision to follow the way of Jesus. Offer this to him again. **Lord God, make our hearts like yours**

Next weekend: Eucharistic Ministers:

Vigil: T. Garry. 9am. L. Gallagher, Mary O'Malley.

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

Readers: Vigil Mass: T. Curran, H. O'Donoghue.

9am. J. Cooper. 11am. J. Keenan, T. Coyle.

Servers: Vigil: Group 2: K. Shortt Farrell, E. Henrick.

9am: Group 3: E. Curran, L. Byrne, J. Haran.

11am: Group 4: A. Kelly, G. Doherty, A. Moy.

