

## Enfield Parish Bulletin

**Masses this weekend: 27th/28th February, 2016**

**Sat. 7pm.** Pat Gilsenan, Bridget and Tom Reilly, Possetown. Ollie Souhan, Gareth and Mary Geoghegan. Maureen Hassett. **9am.**

**11am.** Cathy Daniel, m.m. Johnny Cronley, anniv.

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

**Next weekend: Sat. 7pm.** Peter Slevin, Bridget Fitzgerald, 1st anniv. Johnny Fitzgerald, anniv. **9am. 11am.** Seán and Gertie Mullally, m.m. Mary Kangley.

**Plate Collection:** €826. **Building Fund:** €190. *Many thanks.*

**Final Building fund** envelope for this financial year due next weekend. For those who contribute quarterly or half yearly, a contribution may now be due.

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

**Folk Choir** practice on Thursday night at 7.30pm in Parish Meeting Room.

**Please pray** for Christopher Cronly, Ballinderry, Kathleen Lynch, Castletown, Rathmolyon and Néill Muldowney, Johnstownbridge (brother of Nicola Counihan, Cloncurry). Removal from Cunninghams Funeral Home, Lucan to St. Mary's Church, Lucan on Monday for Mass at 10am. R.I.P.

**Friday is the First Friday.** The sick and housebound will be visited on Thursday. If anyone requires a visit in hospital or at home contact Fr. Michael.

**Baptisms:** 1st and 4th Sunday after 11am Mass and 3rd Sat. of the month.

**Next Baptism Meeting** on Tuesday 1st March in Enfield Meeting Room at 8.30pm. *We welcome* Cormac Michael Dunne, Seonadh Mary Dunne, Finley David Greene and Emma Kate Forde baptised this weekend.

**First Anniversary Mass** for Fr. Seán Fay on Friday 18th March in Rathmolyon Church at 8pm.

**Prayer Service of Light** for the children of Enfield school on Tuesday 1st March in Enfield School at 7.30pm and for the children of Baconstown school on Wednesday 2nd March in Baconstown school at 8pm.

**Congratulations** to Ann Marie Cody and Marcus Brady married on Friday.

**Evening Mass** for Lent in Jordanstown on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7pm. **Stations of the Cross** on Friday evening starting at 7pm.

**Dates for Cemetery Sunday:** *Kill:* Sunday 29th May. Mass at 7.30pm. *Jordanstown:* Sunday 12th June. Mass at 7.30pm.



**Trocaire 2016** 'True mercy, the mercy God gives to us and teaches us, demands justice; it demands that the poor find the way to be poor no longer.' *Pope Francis*,  
'If you want others to be happy, practise compassion. If you want to be happy, practise compassion. *Dalai Lama*

**Na Fianna GFC:** Lotto Nos. 3,11,25,32. Next draw 1st March in the Bridge Bar. Jackpot €10,000. **Fixtures: Sun 28th: Hurling Div 2** Na Fianna v Blackhall Gaels in Enfield 11am. **Sun. 6th: F/ball Div 1** Na Fianna V Gaeil Colmcille in Enfield 11am.

**Teresa Brayton C.C.E. Céilí in Hamlet Court Hotel** on Sunday 13th March 3.30pm-6.30pm. Music by The Glenside Céilí band. Sets called by Frank Keenan. Refreshments served. Admission €10

**Enfield Celtic FC** Couch to 5K Fun Walk/Jog/Run Sunday 28th Feb. from St. Mary's School Enfield at 12.30pm. Registration at 12noon. €5 per adult, €5 for family to walk. Spot prizes and refreshments afterwards. Enquiries to Ann 086 235 1663.

### Do Lent (Ideas For Lent 2016)

1. Fast, maybe skip one meal from time to time....a gentle fast like this will refresh our memory that many people in the world go hungry every day.
2. Meditation & Prayer - these lead to a closer connection with God; Do the stations of the Cross or spend a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament.
3. A weekend away from the mobile.
4. Visit a neighbor /relative in long term nursing home.

**Reflection:** It isn't the things you do, it's the things you leave undone, which give you a little heartache at the setting of the sun. The gentle word forgotten, the letter you didn't write; the flowers you might have sent, are your haunting ghosts tonight. The stone you might have lifted out of your brother's way; the little heart-felt counsel you were hurried too much to say. The tender touch of the hand, the gentle and kindly tone; which we have no time or thought for, with troubles enough of our own.

### Today's Gospel : Third Sunday of Lent.

Spring is a time of new beginnings. Leaves sprouting, birds mating, blossoms bursting, all indicate new life. Hope is in the air. Good beginnings engender hope. It is almost as if a bountiful harvest can be foreseen. But there is many a slip between sowing good seed and harvesting a bumper crop. A late frost can arrest growth. Summer storms can wreck havoc. Still, there is hope. Without hope nothing worthwhile is achieved. Something similar happens in life and in particular, in the life of faith. Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage vows and Ordination all speak of new beginnings pregnant with great expectations. Selfishness and sin, weakness, fear, pride and prejudice can hinder growth into mature faith-filled living. But no matter what the setbacks here, there comes the chance to make a fresh start. Today's gospel is an invitation to make the most of such an opportunity with its clarion call to repent and its challenging image of the barren fig tree reminding us that we are called to go before the Lord with a bumper harvest of good works, of kindnesses to those in need, of fidelity in the face of suffering, of steadfastness in sharing faith. To be willing and able, to make a fresh start in life is God's greatest gift to us. He offers it now.

### Next weekend:

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Vigil: C. Berry. 9am. T. Walsh  
11am. M. Reilly, M. Gleeson.

**Readers:** Vigil: J. Burke, C. Scully.  
9am. A. Coffey, B. Williams. 11am. G. Gill, N. Pope.  
11am. E. Rispin, L. Dowling.

**Servers:** Vigil: Group 7: K. McNally, A. Lennon.  
9 am. Group 8: K. Gill, J. McNeill, M. Mooney.  
11am. Group 1: J. Hanley, C. Flynn, S. Doherty.

