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Enfield Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 3/4th January, 2015

Sat.7pm. Rosie McDonnell, m.m. **9am.**

11am. Margaret O’Gorman. Matt Reynolds and parents, Rathroane.
Jim and Kathleen Sullivan.

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

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

Next weekend:

Sat.7pm. Ronan Shortt. Robert Greville. **9am.**

11am. Lil Keogh, 1st anniv. Deirdre Forde.

Plate Collection: €785. Building Fund: €496. Many thanks.

Building fund envelope due this weekend.

No Eucharistic Adoration in the Oratory this week. Adoration resumes on Tuesday 13th January.

Irish Catholic Newspaper on sale at back of church. €1.60 Great reading.
Baptisms after 11am Mass on 1st and 4th Sundays and 3rd Saturday at 2pm.

The Baptism of Our Lord is celebrated next weekend 10th/11th January.
In a special way we ask God’s continued blessing on all children baptised in our Parish in the past year. We invite and welcome them and their families to Mass next weekend for special prayers of blessing for parents and children.

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.

Chernobyl Children’s International thank you for €1,244 received, proceeds of church gate collection in Jordanstown and Rathmolyon

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

Parish Calendars available at the back of church. Please take one.

New Year’s Resolution: Attend daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration when possible.

For more information on St. Charles of Mount Argus and his association with Tobertynan Shrine, see enfield parish website /our parish

Fr. Michael and Fr. Timothy wish all peace and blessings for the New Year.



Na Fianna GFC: Next week’s jackpot: €9,100. **Thanks** to all who supported and participated in White Collar Boxing fundraiser last weekend which was a great social and financial success. *Happy New Year to all players and supporters.*

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

Irish Blessing for New Year: May your joys be as bright as the morning, and your sorrows merely be shadows that fade in the sunlight of love. May you have enough happiness to keep you sweet, enough trials to keep you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to keep you happy, enough failure to keep you humble, enough success to keep you eager, enough friends to give you comfort, enough faith and courage in yourself to banish sadness, enough wealth to meet your needs and one thing more; enough determination to make each day a more wonderful day than the one before.

Today’s Gospel:

Putting down roots: What does it mean to ‘have roots’? We talk about having family roots as a way of describing our connection to a place or people. Having roots somewhere means we are part of that place. When we are ready to settle down, to become part of a community and maybe even start a family, we talk about ‘putting down roots’. It means we are making this place our home. It is a lovely metaphor from the plant world. A tree’s roots represent its relationship with the soil it is planted in and with the elements around it. The deeper the roots, the more connected a plant is to its environment. Today’s First Reading speaks of the wisdom of God ‘taking root in a privileged people’. It describes it another way as ‘pitching a tent’. These images offer us a way into understanding the more complex language of today’s Gospel, which talks about God’s relationship with us when he sent his Son: ‘The Word was made flesh, he lived among us’. When God became man, he put down roots – not just in our physical world, but in humanity itself. He pitched his tent among us and became one of us. It is a connection that cannot be broken – the roots go too deep. This is the mystery we celebrate at Christmas. We are indeed a privileged people! *Triona Doherty*

Devotions in honour of Saint Charles of Mount Argus in Rathmolyon Church on this Sunday 4th January from 3-5pm. All welcome.

Prayer for the intercession of Saint Charles Heavenly Father, you filled Saint Charles with your Holy Spirit. In love with Christ Crucified he spent his life in prayer at the foot of the cross. From the cross he went forth to bring good news to the poor, healing to the sick and dying, and forgiveness to the sinner. Through the intercession of Saint Charles give us the graces we need. Heal our aches and pains, our hurts and wounds, our anxieties and bad memories. Free us from depressions, habits of sin, and all evil. Strengthen our faith, deepen our hope and increase our love. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. *Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father.* Saint Charles, pray for us.

Next weekend: (Please check rota for Holyday)

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Vigil Mass: John Lynam, Helen McLoughlin. 9am. Diarmuid Fagan.

11am. Olive McGuinness, Eileen Costello.

Readers: Vigil Mass: Helen Walsh, Amy McLoughlin.

9am. Stephen McNally. 11am. Andrew Deering, Margaret Heneghan.

Servers: 7pm. Group 1: Niamh Coffey, Megan Jones, Caoimhe Slattery.

Sun. 9am. Group 2: Ben Stewart, Seanán Fagan.

Sun. 11am Group 3: Amy Boland, Lauryl McElvanna, Katie Flynn.

