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Enfield Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 2/3rd January, 2016

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

Wednesday 6th January: *Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord* is a Holyday. Masses at 9am and 7pm in Jordanstown. Mass at 7pm for Matt Reynolds and parents. No Mass in the Oratory this week.

Next weekend: Sat.7pm. Kit Loughlin, m.m. Sr. Mary Brigid Loughlin, m.m. Margaret O’Gorman. Robert Greville. **9am.** **11am.** Deirdre Ford.

Plate Collection: €3,884 (Christmas & Sunday) **Building Fund:** €1,210.
Many thanks. Building fund envelope due this weekend.

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

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

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 Mary Warmington, England (sister of Peggy Gorry, New Inn, Enfield) and Agnes Cassidy (mother of Barbara Murray, Rathcore). R.I.P.

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.

Congrats to Katie Dunne and Leonard O’Callaghan married on Thursday.

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

Prayer said by Saint Charles to Our Lady, Mother of Holy Hope.

Most Holy Virgin Mary Oh, my Mother! How sweet it is to come to thy feet, imploring thy perpetual help. If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how canst thou, the most loving of all mothers, forget me? Grant then, to me, I implore thee, thy perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations. As we are all thy children, I ask for thy unceasing help for all who are now suffering. Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners, and console all earthly mothers who are now weeping over their children. Open the gates of heaven to those we loved upon earth and who are now suffering in purgatory. Obtain for us, dear Mother, that having earnestly invoked thee on earth, we may see thee, love thee, and eternally thank thee hereafter in heaven. Amen. Mother of Holy Hope, pray for us.

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

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

Na Fianna GFC: Next draw on 5th January €10,000.

Many thanks to all who supported Charity Football Game last Sunday.

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.

The Baptism of Our Lord is celebrated next weekend 9/10th January. In a special way we ask God’s continued blessing on all children baptised in our parish last year.

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

Baconstown Heritage Group have recorded all headstones in Jordanstown cemetery up to December 2013 and is now available on www.enfieldgraveyards.com.

Building fund During the past year we spent €37,985 on re-leading, re-strengthening and re-fitting some of the Church Windows. We have also installed new lights for the extension to the carpark. Many thanks to everybody for their support and generosity.

During the coming year: 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 wealth to meet your needs, Enough enthusiasm to look forward, Enough faith to banish depression, Enough determination to make each day better than yesterday.

Pope Frances“ Let us not lose confidence in the family!” he said. “It is beautiful when we can always open our hearts to one another, and hide nothing. Where there is love, there is also understanding and forgiveness.” The Pope connected the Feast of the Holy Family to the Catholic Church’s Year of Mercy. “In the Year of Mercy, every Christian family can become a privileged place on this pilgrimage for experiencing the joy of forgiveness,” he said. “Forgiveness is the essence of the love which can understand mistakes and mend them. How miserable we would be if God did not forgive us! Within the family we learn how to forgive, because we are certain that we are understood and supported, whatever the mistakes we make.” Pope Francis encouraged the congregation in St. Peter’s Square to share moments of family prayer. “What can be more beautiful than for a father and mother to bless their children at the beginning and end of each day, to trace on their forehead the sign of the cross, as they did on the day of their baptism?” he said. “Is this not the simplest prayer which parents can offer for their children?” It is also important for families to join in a brief prayer before meals “in order to thank the Lord for these gifts and to learn how to share what we have received with those in greater need.” “These are all little gestures, yet they point to the great formative role played by the family in the pilgrimage of everyday life,” he said.

Next weekend: *Eucharistic Ministers:* (Check Rota for Holy Day)

Vigil: J. Cosgrave, E. Murphy, M. Mulvihill.

9am.T. O’Gorman, J. Guinan Menton. 11am. J. McNally, G. Reilly.

Readers: Vigil Mass: A. Glynn, P. Duggan.

9am. N. Murphy. 11am. E. Rispin, L. Dowling.

Servers: Sat.7 pm. Group 7: K. McNally, A. Lennon.

Sun. 9 am. Group 8: K. Gill, J. McNeill, S. Stanaytyte, M. Mooney.

Sun.11 am. Group 1: J. Hanley, C. Flynn, S. Doherty.