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Enfield Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 25/26th July, 2015

Sat.7pm. James O'Reilly & relatives. Anthony Sheridan & relatives.

Sun 9am. Brendan Payne. **11am.** Bridget Brennan, m.m. Paddy Fagan, 1st anniv. Mamie and Bridget Fagan. Paul and Mary Mooney, Hugh and Anne Mooney. Charlie Lodge.

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

Next weekend: Sat.7pm. Kathleen Dixon (birthday remembrance).

Hugh O'Malley (brother of Kitty O'Hara, who died recently). **9am.** List of the Dead. **11am.** Paddy McLoughlin and Andy Tyrrell.

Plate Collection: €805. **Building Fund:** €295. *Many thanks.*

Building Fund envelope due next weekend.

Irish Catholic Newspaper on sale at the back of church. Price €1.60

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

We welcome Chloe Catherine Bane and Catelynn Anne Hanlon baptised this weekend.

Jordanstown Church Windows: The St. Patrick's window has been re-leaded, re-strengthened and re-fitted. Work will continue on remaining windows in need of repairs. **Total cost of all work is €34,685.** Many thanks for your support.

Please pray for John Connell, Thomastown (brother of Jimmy Connell), Fr. John Brogan, P.P. Kilskyre, Fr. Willie Cleary, P.P. Mornington & Maureen Henry, Kilskyre (mother of Fr. Seán Henry, P.P. Trim). R.I.P.

Parish Golf Classic: At present there is approx. €22,000 profit.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 9th August. Bus leaving Station Yard Enfield at 8.30am. Fare €20 Adult, €10 child. Phone 046 9555215/086 8616780.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival: Cistercian College, Roscrea, Tipperary. Thurs. 13th – Sun. 16th August. For young people aged 16-35. The Festival is donation only. Free buses from around the country. Contact 01-6753690.

Lough Derg 2015: Last day of the Three Day Pilgrimage is Thursday 13th August. Pilgrims can begin their pilgrimage any day up until then. Phone 071 9861518

Baconstown First Responders: Fundraising B.B.Q. on Saturday 1st August in Rathcore Golf & Country Club. Adm. €20.

This Week in The Irish Catholic: *Page 17* Kidnappings of clergy and laity in Syria and Iraq. *Page 18* Situation in Gaza continues to deteriorate.

Page 20 It takes a parish to produce a priest and Lough Derg offers true equality to pilgrims. *Pages 1 & 2* Rural Ireland is 'dying on its feet'

Dancing: Hamlet Court Hotel this Sunday 26th July from 9.30pm. Music by Eamon and Lorna.

Congratulations to Jennifer Burke and Ian Griffin married during the week

Na Fianna GFC: Lotto Nos. 2,3,12,24. No winner. **Next week's jackpot: €10,000.**

Fixtures: Sun 26th: Feis Cup Final: Na Fianna v Gaeil Colmcille at 4pm in Paire Tailteann, Navan. **Wed 29th:** AFL Div 1: Na Fianna v Dunshaughlin at 7.30pm in Enfield. **'Get on Your Bike' Race in aid of Na Fianna Player Injury Fund:** Monday 3rd August at 4pm starting from Enfield GFC Grounds. Registration at 3pm. 3 Routes to choose from. Entry Fee €15 per cyclist / 10km Race: €20 per family. BBQ afterwards.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 12th - 17th Sept. Led by Bishop Michael Smith. Prices from €689 all inclusive. Booking forms from Parochial House or tel. 01-6359300

Enfield Playground: Congratulations to all involved with the official opening of Enfield Playground and getting the project to where it is today.

Reek Sunday 26th July. Confessions on the summit from 7:30am-2:00pm. Mass on the summit every half hour from 8:00am-2:00pm.

Grandparents: Today 26th July is the feast day of St. Joachim & Anne (parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary). We pray for all grandparents. May the Lord reward them for all they have done and continue to do for us.

The Persecution Of Christians: St. Paul tells us that we are one body. If one part suffers, every part suffers. If one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. (cf. 1 Cor. 12:26). Very many Christians are persecuted today in the Middle East, Nigeria, Kenya, Pakistan and elsewhere. Each month: **322** Christians are killed for their faith, **214** churches and parish properties are destroyed, **772** acts of violence are committed against Christians (such as beatings, abductions, , unjust arrests and forced migrations). Please remember our Christian brothers and sisters in your prayers and acts of solidarity.

Todays Gospel 'Spiritual Fast Food' There are many things to reflect on in today's Gospel. It is rich in symbolism and you can imagine yourself in the many different characters of the text today. The people who had gathered were hungry in every sense of the word and Jesus and the disciples are faced with a huge dilemma. When we are faced with a huge challenge, our attitude towards it is key. Some of us are like Philip, stating the facts but unable to see a way out of the situation. Some are like Andrew, who sees the young boy with the small amount of provisions he had, yet he is unable to see how they may be of use. Sometimes we can be the people sitting, hungry, in poverty (physical or spiritual) waiting for someone to come and show us the way. Have you ever wondered about this young boy? He handed over the little he had, perhaps confused yet hoping it would do something to help the situation they were in. It is a powerful gesture and one that reminds us that it is not the size of the gifts or the expectation of return that is important. How must he have felt when he saw the events unfold? Jesus turns these small resources into something truly amazing. Very often we can react like Andrew and not see the value in the small gestures. Jesus satisfies the deep hunger within and shows the crowd that he is someone to hope in. We must never think that our small resources and gifts are not enough to do amazing things.

Next weekend: Ministers of the Eucharist:

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

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

Readers: Vigil Mass: J. Burke, C. Scully.

9am. A. Coffey, B. Williams. 11am. G. Gill, E. Grogan.

Servers: Sat. 7pm. Group 1: N. Coffey, M. Jones, C. Slattery.

9am. Group 2: B. Stewart, S. Fagan.

11am. Group 3: A. Boland, L. McElvanna, K. Flynn.