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Enfield Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 21/22nd March 2015

Sat.7pm. Lawrence and Ita Dillon. Kay O'Reilly, 1st anniv.

Margaret Mulvihill, 1st anniv. and Mick Mulvihill, anniv.

9am. James, Ann & Elizabeth Foran. **11am.** Mollie & Jack Yourell & Ann Hughes

Tuesday - Friday: Mass at 9.30am. **Saturday:** Mass at 10am. Nancy & Jim Reilly.

Next weekend: Sat.7pm. Stephen Shanley. Elizabeth O'Gorman. **Sun. 9am.**

Sun. 11am. James Doran.

Plate Collection: €1,538 (including St. Patrick's Day). **Building Fund:** €380

Many thanks. New boxes of envelopes will be issued in the coming week. Many thanks to everyone for their support and generosity. The 3 acres purchased to the left of the cemetery at Jordanstown has been fenced off.

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

Additional Adorers required for Tuesdays 6-7pm and Thursdays 10-11am.

Divine Mercy Hour on Thursday after 9.30 Mass in the Oratory. Spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Palm Sunday is celebrated next Sunday. As we bring pieces of palm home as ask God's blessing on homes, families, farms and outbuildings.

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

We welcome Reece Craig Doyle and Brody Scott Doyle, Noah Aidan Lieghio, Emily Amber Gooding, Laoise Mae Walsh and Sebastian Philip Holton baptised this weekend.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Fr. Alan Brennan, formerly of Ballinderrin, brother of the late Des Brennan, Johnstown road. Funeral Mass in Jordanstown on Thursday 26th March at 1pm. Burial afterwards in adjoining cemetery, Tommy Daly, Brownstown, Collinstown, Co. Westmeath, father of Liz Reilly, Ballinakill, Bernie Geraghty, Cloncurry and Fr. Seán Fay our former Parish Priest laid to rest on Friday.

Funeral for Fr Seán Fay: Thanks to all who helped in any way with Fr. Seán's funeral arrangements. The help of so many people in so many ways is a fitting tribute to Fr. Seán and a great source of comfort for his family.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Congratulations to the children of our 3 schools who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday. Thanks to choirs, teachers, cleaners, flower arrangers and all associated with post Confirmation refreshments.

Evening Masses for Lent on Wednesday and Friday evening at 7pm.

Apostolic Works Society: Thanks to all who contributed to church door collection. €1,232 was received.

Daffodil Day is celebrated next Friday 27th March. Your support is appreciated.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7pm on Wed. 1st April.

Na Fianna GFC: Lotto Nos. 1,13,22,23. No winner. **Next week's jackpot: €10,000.**

Fixtures: Sun. 22: H1 League Div 1B Round 3 Rathmolyon v NaFianna in Rathmolyon 5pm.

Sun 29: Football A League Div 1 Duleek-Bellewstown v NaFianna 3pm in Duleek.

Social Presentation Night: Saturday 21st March at 9pm in Rathcore Golf Club. Tickets €10 from Committee Members. Food served on the night. Music by D.J. Robbie.

Sacred Heart Messenger: This weekend a representative from the Messenger will be in Jordanstown to promote the *Messenger*. It is an informative and inspiring book and well worth getting. A special offer of €18 for a year's postal subscription will be available.

Marriage: The Irish Bishops have issued a statement on the importance of Marriage in preparation for the forthcoming referendum. Copies are available at the back of church. People are invited to reflect, pray and talk about this statement and all the issues involved.

Enfield's text alert launch: Tuesday next 24th of March at 8pm in St. Mary's school, Enfield. All welcome. Volunteers required for New Inn and Innwood.

Reflection: The Sunday prayer says "Lord, help us to embrace the world you have given us, and reach joy....."When young, and innocent die, whether in the quiet of home, or in tragedy, on the highway of life, we are numbed, and ask "why". The "why" we cannot explain. Now Jesus says that through Him, there is a larger picture. He tells that pain, in birth, in seed life, or in crushed grape, is "lifted up" into something someone greater. While there is no explanation of death, there is consolation in the Christian view of life, that says, death is not the end. It is transition. Our dear departed are absent, rather than gone. The ultimate is the banquet and joy of Heaven, where there is re-union and fullness of joy, and for the first time, one is fully understood, and totally accepted. Our ancestors, liked saying, that the bigger the ordeal in this world, the greater the joy of Heaven. The "lifting up of Christ" includes our lifting up too. We are with Him, and in Him. Father, into Your Hands I commend my spirit.

Sacrament of Confession: Lent will not be complete without confession of sins. Many do not like this humbling experience. Does the seed like dying in the earth? Jesus admits the pain he feels at the prospect of the cross. Both nature and Jesus teach us that dying to sin is the way forward to virtue. Humble honesty clears the way for new life in the Lord. The Lord who conquered death will raise up the repentant sinner in the grace of forgiveness.

Penitential Service for Easter: Tuesday 31st March. Rathmolyon church at 7pm and Jordanstown at 8pm. A number of visiting priests available for the Sacrament.

Trocaire Boxes will be collected at Mass on Holy Thursday. God of creation, you formed the earth, the moon, the stars, seas and humanity. You appointed us as guardians of all that you had created, and yet today our rivers are polluted and are drying up. Your gift of water is unequally shared between the rich and the poor and our world is threatened by the serious effects of climate change. Teach us the way and renew us as stewards of the earth. **Trocaire Boxes** available at the back of the church.

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: C. Jones, N. Burke.

9am. B. Bailey, K. Holton. 11am. S. Murphy, C. Counihan.

Servers: 7pm. Group 8: S. Burke, K. Poleon, Z. Murray.

Sun. 9am. Group 1: N. Coffey, M. Jones, C. Slattery.

Sun. 11am. Group 2. B. Stewart, S. jFagan.