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Enfield Parish Bulletin

Masses this weekend: 26th/27th November, 2016

Sat. 7pm. Patrick and Mary Bridget Coffey and relatives. Nuala Cosgrave and Sheila Plunkett. John Souhan, Michael Geoghegan, Mal O'Dowd

Sun. 9am. Eamon Dargan. **Sun. 11am.** James Cullen. Mary Rispin, Paula Rispin Baby Michael John Murray. Joe and Annie Duffy and deceased members of the Duffy and Westman families.

Tuesday - Friday: Mass at 9.30am. **Friday:** Mass at 7.30pm in the Oratory for Catherine Mullins, 50th anniversary. **Saturday:** Mass at 10am for Paddy Keogh.

Next weekend: Sat. 7pm. Kit Loughlin, 1st anniv. Sr. Mary Brigid Loughlin, 1st anniv. Gerry Walsh. John and Margaret Lynam, Possetown. Thos Reilly, Clegarrow **Sun. 9am.** Lists of Dead **Sun. 11am.** John Flynn, Connellstown. Kathleen and Louis Lanigan. Christine Mullally.

Plate Collection: €750. **Building fund:** €360. *Many thanks.*
Building fund envelope due next weekend.

Eucharistic Adoration: *Tuesday:* 10am-9pm. *Thursday:* 10am-1pm & 7pm-10pm. Additional Adorers required for the following times: Tuesdays 11-12am and Thursdays 10-11am. Why not make a special effort for Advent.

Baptisms after 11am Mass on 1st and 4th Sundays and 3rd Saturday at 2pm.
We welcome Evan Anthony Bohan baptised this weekend.

Please pray for Jack Mangan, Mucklon, brother of the late Bridget O'Neill, Ballinderrin, Connie Flynn, Maynooth, brother of Tony, Blackwater Park and Nuala McGinn, Johnstown Road who has died. (Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 11am) R.I.P

Friday is the First Friday. The sick will be attended on Thursday. If anyone is ill in hospital or at home and would like a visit please let us know.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Enrolment for children at Masses next weekend.

Lists of Dead: Names are on the Lists of the Dead will be remembered in all First Friday Masses during the year. Please return lists as soon as possible.

Altar Society: Church Door Collection amounted to €665. *Many thanks.*

Applications are now being taken for enrolment for September 2017 in St. Mary's P.S. Enfield and Baconstown N.S. to be received by Thursday 1st December. School tel. no. Enfield 046 9541949, and Baconstown 046 9541115.

Vocations: Following the success of the Vocations Calendar last year, the Diocesan Vocations Committee have published a new calendar for 2017. It is hoped it will create awareness regarding vocations to priesthood in homes in our parishes, encourage families to talk about and to pray for more vocations and create a strong culture of vocations in our diocese. Price of calendars €5

Some suggestions for December and Advent: Go to daily Mass, do something for charity, do some fasting, go to confession, give some time to Adoration and Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Na Fianna GFC: Lotto Nos. 1,6,26,32. Next draw Tuesday 29th in the Bridge Bar. **A.G.M.** takes place on Sunday 11th Dec. at 6pm in the Bridge Bar Function Room. **Na Fianna Juvenile Presentation** Sun 4th December in St Mary's NS, Enfield at 3pm.

Church of Ireland Union of Parishes: Annual Christmas Bazaar on Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm in Parish Hall. Proceeds in aid of Church of Ireland Funds

Advent calendar available at www.catholicbishops.ie/advent-calendar with tasks to do everyday for children and adults.

Advent Retreat for Young Adults 18-40. 'Pondering with Mary how God is calling you, Married life? Priesthood? Single life? Religious life? Saturday 10th Dec. 9.30am-5pm. Dalgan Park, Navan. Cost: donation. Contact Fr. Joe 086 6036506

St. Mary's P.S. Enfield - Christmas Fair: Sunday 27th November from 12-5pm. Lots of stalls, quality crafts, Santa's grotto, wheel of fortune, raffle and lots more. Donations of biscuits or buns would be appreciated and can be left at the refreshment area on the day.

Switching on of Christmas Lights in Enfield next Saturday night after Mass.

Advent: *Waiting With Eagerness* Have you watched the behaviour of people at airports, waiting for loved ones to arrive from a flight? They look excited, eager for the first appearance of familiar faces, ready with the broad smile of greeting. Do we await the Lord's coming with equal eagerness, because we long for his presence? Advent is meant to be a time of alert, active waiting, with a spirit of excitement, or as Jesus puts it, "Be on guard, stay awake". He wants us to have a clear purpose in life, to mature in our relationship with him and with others, to give time to prayer, and to live with his message in our hearts. That's what our Advent should be like. And while we wait, we can enjoy his promised gifts. St. Paul assures us: "You will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ." We can experience these coming weeks with hope and awareness, in the spirit of an Advent people.

Advent: The Word 'Advent' comes from the Latin "Adventus" meaning coming. There is a sense of movement and anticipation. The Lord is coming. We are moving towards Christmas. We are lifting our souls towards God. And we are moving always towards the end times and the second coming of Christ as we are reminded of today in the Gospel. A couple of questions we could reflect on today: Why do we need this "lead in" time to Christmas? What are my hopes and goals for Advent? Where do I want to be in my faith journey come Christmas day? American baseball legend Yogi Berra once said "if you don't know where you are going, you might end up someplace else" If we decide we want to get somewhere, we have to take steps to get there—for example when we decide on a particular career path, we have to undertake the right training and experience. Perhaps this Advent we would like to spend more time in prayer, to be more patient or get involved in our local community. What is the point of Advent if we don't end up somewhere different from where we started?

Next weekend: *Eucharistic Ministers:*

Vigil: C. Berry. 9am. T. Walsh.

11am. M. Reilly, M. Gleeson.

Readers: Vigil Mass: M. Crehan, E. McGuinness.

9am. M. Foley, M. Dorgan.

11am. M. Duggan, N. McCullagh.

Servers: Vigil: Group 6: H. O'Hara, K. Counihan.

9am: Group 7: S. O'Reilly Higgins, A. Slevin, N. Smyth.

11am: Group 1: M. McNally, T. McNeill, C. Maitland.

