

## Enfield / Rathmolyon Bulletin

**Weekend 1st/2nd May, 2021.**

**Saturday 7pm.** Des Rochford, m.m. Ivan Flanagan.  
Luke Gunning, Castletown. Christina Lynam.

**Sun. 10am.** Sr. Dympna Flynn, 1st anniv. Jim Murphy, Newcastle. David McGinn, Jason McGinn. Seán and Nuala Langley. Christopher Donegan. Michael Connolly. Declan McCarthy. John Fagan, Ryndville,

**Masses during the week: Jordanstown:** Tuesday and Thursday at 10am.

**Rathmolyon** on Wednesday for Kieran McGuinness and Friday at 10am.

**Next weekend Sat. 7pm.** Lorcan O'Rourke. Tommy Mullen (uncle of Tom Mullen).

**Sun. 10am.** Catherine Clavin, Tommy and Katie Delahunty.  
Paddy and Angela Clavin. Andrew and Rose Brennan.

**Jordanstown: Plate:** €225. **Building** €430. **Offerings:** €390.

**Rathmolyon: Plate:** €155 **Building** €155. **Offerings:** €140.

**Building Fund** envelope due this weekend.

**Pray** for Mary O'Reilly, Clongiffin, Owen Shannon, Enfield & Richard Heapes. R.I.P.

**Trócaire: Amount to date €6,765. Thanks** to all for generosity and kindness.

**Congratulations** to Andrea Colgan and Declan Mc Caffrey married on Friday.

**We welcome** Jackson Farrell baptized this weekend. Bookings for Baptisms are now being taken. Contact either Parochial House.

**Consecration to St. Joseph:** O Dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to thy honor and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After thine example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death

**Message from Bishop Deenihan for Vocations Sunday last weekend:** It is important also to acknowledge that this Diocese currently has three men at various stages of formation. One will be ordained a deacon this summer, another is studying in a Roman seminary and a third is on a pre-seminary programme to enter seminary in September. Of course, we need more. Encouragement again becomes important. There are, I believe, many people who still consider the idea of a vocation to religious life. The universal Church, this country, this diocese and this parish needs priests. The work remains and it is inconceivable that Christ has stopped calling people to serve Him in priesthood and religious life. Perhaps the reputation of priesthood has become tarnished, perhaps society has become too materialistic, perhaps society is giving young people the impression that religion is outdated, priesthood and religious life is obsolete and financial success and status is what counts. Maybe, maybe not. But I believe that God is still calling. There is an obligation on all of us to support and encourage those who may be considering a life as a priest, brother or sister. For information on vocations in the Diocese of Meath check out [www.meathvocations.com](http://www.meathvocations.com) **Vocations Sunday –Please use pink envelope in yearly box of envelopes. Amount collected to date €1,170. Many thanks.**



**Creating a May Altar in your home:** Many people create a small May Altar in their home during the month of May. May is the Marian month when Catholics give special praise to Mary, gifted to us as our heavenly mother. May is also the first month of summer, so altars are adorned with flowers and items of devotion such as rosary beads, crucifix, candle or bible to express our love and honour to Mary in our home. During May we invite families to pray a decade of the Rosary or Angelus together.



### **Darkness Into Light 2021 - Details:**

Darkness Into Light 2021 will take place at sunrise on the morning of 8th May. We are not able to gather together for our usual 5km walk in Enfield so we are asking people to register online at [darknessintolight.ie](http://darknessintolight.ie) On May 8th wear your yellow T-shirt, and do your own walk in your own area at your own chosen time. Any queries contact Ann Maria on 085 7086060.

Please forward photos to our Darkness into Light Enfield Face book page.

**Enfield Community Group: Online Bingo** continues this Monday 3rd May at 8pm. €1,000 jackpot sponsored by Rybo Developments. Single book €8, double book €14. Go to enfield community bingo facebook page. All support is very much appreciated.

**Prayer for Vocations:** God our Father, send workers into your harvest. May the Spirit we received in baptism touch the hearts of many to offer themselves in priesthood, religious life and other forms of service. Give the parents and families of our diocese the wisdom and courage to support young people in searching for and following the call of God in their lives. Amen

**Reflection: Today I Can** Today I can complain about my health, Or I can celebrate being alive. Today I can moan that it is raining, Or be joyful at all that grows from the rain. Today I can regret all I don't have, Or rejoice in everything I do. Today I can mourn everything I have lost, Or eagerly anticipate what's to come. Today I can complain that I have to work, Or celebrate that I have a job to go to. Today I can resent the mess the kids make, Or give thanks that I have a family. Today I can whine about the housework, Or celebrate having a home. Today I can cry over the people who don't care for me, Or be happy loving and being loved by those who do. I can choose to have a good day today!

**Today's Gospel:** Jesus, the Centre, Without some centre of unity, groups lose their way. A team which puts its eyes on money rather than on teamwork will lose games. A family which relies on anything other than love to keep it together will fall apart. The church, the community of Jesus is something similar. What keeps the church together at its best is Jesus. Human leadership, moral authority, ritual dogmatism, are not the centre of the church. Leadership can fail, moral authority can take wrong turnings and ritual dogmatism can override the concerns of people. The centre of the church is Jesus Christ. Our unity with Jesus is the central bond of the church. He is the Vine, we the branches. When we have been let down by the church, like in the situations of abuse, or cover-ups by church authority, we are kept going as Christians by our unity with Jesus. The image of roots and branches, of fruit and tree, all very much part of each other, is what Jesus uses. Other images like this might be the unity of light and colour in a rainbow. Only if we can look on Jesus Christ as the centre of our faith can church life be sincere and have the energy which will save and change our world.

**Friday is the First Friday** Mass will be offered for those whose names are on the parish list of the dead and for the sick and housebound..