

WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S ESKER/DODSBORO/ADAMSTOWN  
NEWSLETTER

14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016



Welcome To  
St Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/ Adamstown  
February 14, 2016

**Mass Intentions for coming week:** Weekend: Saturday, 7pm: Jim Smyth



(A); Sunday, 9am: Hynes Family; 10.30am: Margaret Gibson (A); 12 noon: Richard Daly (A).

**Monday, 10am:** Parishioners; **Tues. 10am:** Joan Crowley (A); **Wed. 10am:** Tilly & Joe Marchese Intentions;

Remember Breeda Phelan; **Thurs. 10am:** Ann Finegan (A); Tom Dowd (A); **Fri. 10am:** Liam Clarke (A); **Sat. 10am:** Tim O'Donoghue (A).

**Remember in your prayers this week - Brenda Tomney, Geraldine Waldron, Michael O'Connor, John Floody, Frances McDaid, Jim Talbot, Shay Gallagher, Paddy Malone and Tom Brazil whose anniversaries occur.**

**Baptisms:** ~ Welcome into our Christian Community this weekend – Dara O'Reilly, Cillian Byrne, Harry Walsh and Sophia Collins.

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** is a voluntary parish based ministry which aims to help and support those who have suffered a loss through bereavement or otherwise. This is a free, confidential service and is available to everyone in Lucan and the outlying areas. We can be contacted on 089 250 7213

**Readings for Today – Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Feb.** ~ Today's readings speak of



the power of God to guide and save us. From the liberation of those enslaved in Egypt described in Deuteronomy to those made free by the power of God's Word in their heart as proclaimed by St. Paul to

the Romans to the Gospel message of freedom through informed faith we see that read liberation comes from knowledge and trust in God's Word.

**Jubilee Year of Mercy** ~ An introduction to the Jubilee Year of Mercy will be given by Christopher Okereke (Pastoral Worker) on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February from 6.30-7.00pm in St. Patrick's Pastoral Centre. All welcome to attend.

**Parish Notices:** Collections: Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb: 1st Collection: €1,375: This money goes to pay



the salaries of the Priests of the Parish; Priests in Poorer Parishes; Priests in non income-earning appointments; Priests on study leave; Priests who are ill or retired. 2nd Collection (SHARE) €1 150: For Diocesan development, Poorer Parishes and Parish Projects. Planned Giving (Envelopes) €1,395 & Standing Orders €505): This money is the major source of income for Parish Expenses, Salaries; Maintenance; Development. We thank all those who contribute

faithfully every week.

**Lent:** The start of Lent is always set by whatever date Easter Sunday falls on. Easter Sunday is on the first Sunday following the first full moon after 21<sup>st</sup> March. Easter Sunday this year is 27<sup>th</sup> March and this explains our early start to Lent this year. Interestingly the earliest Easter can be is on 22<sup>nd</sup> March and the last time this happened was back in 1818 and won't happen again until 2285. The latest date Easter can be is 25<sup>th</sup> April. It happened back in 1943 and this won't happen again until 2038. Hopefully your Lent this year will be good for you and a time for quiet reflection and a time for one manageable positive change in your life.

**Weekday Evening Lenten Mass:** During Lent for the three Lucan Parishes evening Mass will be in St. Mary's Church, Lucan at 7.30pm.

### St. Patrick's Lenten Prayer Groups –

There are a number of Prayer Groups taking place in people's homes during the season of Lent. If you would like to attend any of these, details are on the noticeboard in the porch.



**Weekly Gospel Reflection:** On the following Sunday Gospel (Lectio Divina) each Wednesday from 6.30-7.00pm, in St. Patrick's Pastoral Centre.

**An Ecumenical Lent Initiative – Course on Reconciliation: The course will be on five consecutive Monday evenings at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre, St. Patrick's, Esker, starting on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> February.**

The themes for the five sessions are – (1) Power and Service; (2) Transcending Boundaries; (3) Reaching out to Others; (4) Taking down the Walls; (5) Do as you would be done by.