

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

3RD JANUARY 2016



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/ Adamstown
January 3, 2016

Mass Intentions for coming week: Weekend: Saturday, 7pm: Arthur



Speight (A); **Sunday, 9am:** Ailish O'Sullivan (RIP);
10.30am: Richard & Elizabeth Kenny (A); **12 noon:**
Joseph Curtis (A).

Monday, 10am: Parishioners; **Tues. 10am:** Maureen
Mason (RIP); **Vigil – 7pm:** Rose O'Toole (RIP); **Wed. 10am:** Bridget & Michael
Coleman (A); **12 noon:** Kathleen & Robert Pathe (A); Jean & John Conway (A);
Thurs. 10am: Mary Kelly (RIP); **Fri.** Patricia Kelly (RIP); Caroline Russell (RIP);
Sat. 10am: Seamus Butler (RIP).

Masses for Holy Day – 6th January – Feast of the Epiphany

Vigil Mass – Tuesday, 5th Jan. at 7pm

Masses on Wed. 6th – 10am and 12 noon.

The Feast of the Epiphany - this feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised

Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.



Readings for Today: The First Reading tells us that wisdom has pitched her tent amongst the chosen people, a phrase which is echoed in both the Psalm and the wonderful, poetic prologue to the Gospel of John, who also tells us that the Word of God was the true light which enlightens all people.

Pro Cathedral: Unused/Unwanted Gifts Campaign (Saturday, 26th Dec – Wd. 6th Jan) – You are invited to bring unused gifts that you received to the crib in the Pro Cathedral so that they can be redistributed through Crosscare. For further information check www.dublindiocese.ie/pro-cathedral-christmas-services. The Diocesan Social Care Agency.

World Youth Day Fundraising: Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our two recent fundraising events for World Youth Day. The Raffle raised €7,561 while the Cake Sale and Christmas Cake Raffle raised €850. This really is an amazing amount of money and the total surpassed all expectations.



We have a target of €10,000 and we are now very near that figure. The parish is supporting our 8 young parish pilgrims to join with perhaps one and a half million young people in Krakow next summer for World Youth Day. Pope Francis will be in attendance for two of the week long activities. It will be an amazing experience for our parishioners who are from transition year to university stages of education.

All our pilgrims are actively involved in the parish in a number of ministries such as: those who serve at the Liturgies, Teen Soul, Gospel Message and Filipino Choir. We are proud to be sending such a large group. The cost is high because the air travel is expensive – like the price of airline tickets during away rugby matches. Our young people will be staying in university accommodation which is more expensive than other options. The registration cost is €350 per person. It would be great to assist our pilgrims with some pocket money thus easing the burden on their parents.

We have a number of other fundraising events coming up until we reach our target of €10,000.

Thank you for your encouraging support. It is much appreciated by all.