

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

7TH FEBRUARY 2016



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/ Adamstown
February 7, 2016

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



Morris (A); Remember Pauline Blount (A) and Rita Buckley (A); **Sunday, 9am:** Mary Rice (RIP); **10.30am:** Kathleen, Christopher & Oliver Kelly (A); **12 noon:** Bernard O'Neill (A); Remember Jim Miller (A).

Monday, 10am: Parishioners; John & Anne Burke (A); **Tues. 10am:** Carmel Kelly (A); **Wed. 10am:** Eamonn McHale (A); Noel Coadie (RIP); Caoilte O'Broin (RIP); **Thurs. 10am:** Josie Dwyer (A); Ailish O'Sullivan (RIP); **Fri. 10am:** Eithne Murphy (RIP); Christy Doyle (RIP); **Sat. 10am:** Billy Morrissey (RIP); Margaret Lucas (RIP).

Remember in your prayers this week - Nolan & Barr families whose anniversaries occur. Also remember Bernadette Coffey who was buried during the week.

Baptisms: ~ Welcome into our Christian Community this weekend – Sunny Richardson and Conal Ó Láimhin

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. 7th Feb. ~ The readings encourage us



to have confidence in God's call. Like Isaiah and Paul and Peter we may feel unworthy or unfitted for the mission and yet the psalm reminds us of God's power to do all things through us and for us.

Day of Prayer for Temperance – Sun. 7th Feb. ~ As we gather on this day of Prayer for Temperance we seek the Lord's help in living out our baptismal call and remember those who struggle with addictions and dependencies that hurt them and others.

Parish Notices: Collections: Sunday, 31st Jan: 1st Collection: €1,300: This money goes to pay



faithfully every week.

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) €1 060: For Diocesan development, Poorer Parishes and Parish Projects. Planned Giving (Envelopes) € 885 & Standing Orders €505): This money is the major source of income for Parish Expenses, Salaries; Maintenance; Development. We thank all those who contribute

Ash Wednesday : This marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. Following the example of the Nine vites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told *'Remember, Man is dust and unto dust you shall return'*. Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. (Intercom).

Masses on Ash Wednesday at 10am and 7pm

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 Parish Retreat: Thursday, 11th and Friday, 12th Feb at the 10am Mass – talk will take place immediately after Mass, concluding at the latest by 11.15am. Speaker Fr. Donagh O'Shea OP on a theme for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

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, 15th 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. Each study has an introduction, a Bible text on reconciliation, some notes and some questions. Questions prompting us to consider not only the need for reconciliation in our lives, our communities and the Church, but also the practical steps God is call us to take.