

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

NEWSLETTER

19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017



Welcome To  
St Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro/ Adamstown  
March 19, 2017

**Mass Intentions for coming week:** **Saturday, 7pm:** David O'Donoghue



(A); **Sunday, 9am:** Christy Jones (RIP); **10.30am:** Mathai Pulickattil (A); **12 noon:** Colette Ryan (A).

**Monday, 10am:** Nan Duggan (RIP); Willie Thompson (RIP); **Tues. 10am:** Gary Cleary Intentions; Margaret

Hughes (A); Peggy McPhelan (RIP); **Wed. 10am:** Willie Thompson (RIP); Thomas Monahan (RIP); **Thurs. 10am:** Willie Thompson (RIP); Margaret Walsh (RIP); **Fri. 10am:** Betty Thompson & Family Intentions; Bridget Prenderville (A); **Sat. 10am:** Sr. Christopher Callan (RIP); Gerard Clifford (RIP).

**Remember in your prayers this weekend – John Murphy, Rose & Billy Malone, Patricia & Thomas Kelly whose anniversaries occur and Gerry Murphy who died recently.**

**Baptisms:** Welcome into the Christian Community this weekend - Ollie Curran, Chloe Lynch and Dean Thompson



**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March – Third Sunday of Lent:** ~ The waters of



baptism has brought us together as a Christian community to celebrate the Eucharist. We give praise and thanks to God for the gift of faith that we share.

**Readings for Today – Sun: 19<sup>th</sup> March:** *The First Reading:* From the Book of Exodus, describes the thirst of the liberated people of Israel on their desert journey. *The Second Reading:* From St. Paul to the Romans, portrays the love of God like a river flowing into human hearts. *The Gospel:* Tells the story of the Samaritan woman to whom the Lord gifted the waters of eternal life.

**Parish Notices:** Collections: Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> Collection: €1,200; 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): €940: For Diocesan Projects Many thanks for your generosity. Planned Giving (Envelopes) €1,119 & Maintenance; Development. We thank all those who contribute faithfully every week.

**Lenten Retreat:** Dr. Eileen Kane will present three biblical paintings as a meditation during Lent. The parish is indeed privileged to have Eileen with us as not only is she an international History of Art academic (University College Dublin) but a woman of deep faith who is a Minister of the Word in her Dublin parish. The meditations will take place immediately after the 10am Mass on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April.

**Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study:** A bible study will take place here in the Pastoral Centre for the five Mondays in Lent starting on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30-9.00pm (including refreshments) on the theme of *'God's Heart for Migrants – Biblical Wisdom for a World in Turmoil'*. Theme this week – Ruth – A Story of Migration. **Format of each session:** *Introduction to the Theme; Scripture; Questions to be explored; Prayer.*

**St. Thomas' JNS Spring Fair:** Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 10am to 4pm. Tables available for crafters, produce stands, artists etc. for €15. Please contact St. Thomas' Parents Association on [stthomaspa@gmail.com](mailto:stthomaspa@gmail.com) for further information. Proceeds from the event go towards resources for the children of St. Thomas' JNS Esker.

**Musings:** *'A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink"....'* Who are your friends? What makes you say that they are your friends? You tell them things about yourself that you would not tell a stranger. You know that they will not tell others the secrets you share with them, that they will not hold against you what you tell them or hold it over your head as a threat. At the deepest level, you trust that they will remain your friends even when they know some of the less savoury aspects of your past life and character. You also trust that they will stick with you through thick and thin, through good times and tough times. And at least some of these characteristics will also be true of the relationship God wants with you. What is the most important characteristic I look for in a friend? Can I also find this characteristic in my friendship with God? (*Sacred Space 2017-Messenger Publication*).