

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

22ND JANUARY 2017



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/ Adamstown
January 22, 2017



Mass Intentions for coming week: Weekend:

Saturday, 7pm: Seanie Weir (A); **Sunday, 9am:** Sadie McCarthy (RIP); **10.30am:** Patricia Goff (A); **12 noon:** Christy Doyle (A); Remember Nora Mulligan (M.M.).

Monday, 10am: Mrs. Cully's Intentions; Mona Sherry (RIP); **Tues. 10am:** Ann Connolly (RIP); Nora Mulligan (RIP); **Wed. 10am:** Mona Sherry (RIP); Rose Brennan (RIP); **Thurs. 10am:** Ann Campbell (M.M.); Hugh McConnell (RIP); Sadie McCarthy (RIP); **Fri. 10am:** Patrick & Elizabeth Walsh (A); Josephine Ares (RIP); Willie John Creedon Intentions; **Sat. 10am:** Sadie McCarthy (RIP); Donal Fallon Intentions.

Remember in your prayers this weekend – Raymond Rothery who died this week and also Ann Gordon, Paddy Malone, Ann Byrne, Con Lowney and Timmy Boyle whose anniversaries occur.

Sunday, 22nd January – Coming together as God's family we are united in prayer through the celebration of the Eucharist with the Christian community throughout the world.

Readings for Today – Sun: 22nd January: *The First Reading:*



From the prophet Isaiah, presents a vision of joy at the coming of the light of God into the lives of the sad and oppressed. *The Second Reading:* From St. Paul, is an appeal for an end to disagreements between believers

who should be united by their common Baptism. *The Gospel:* As John the Baptist is silenced, Jesus being his work in Galilee, fulfilling the Word of God and taking up John's message of repentance.

Parish Notices: Collections: Sunday, Jan. 15th Collection: €1390; 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): €1165: For Diocesan Projects Many thanks for your generosity. Planned Giving (Envelopes) €880 & Maintenance; Development. We thank all those who contribute faithfully every week.

Christian Unity Service, St. Patrick's Church – Monday, 23rd January 8pm.

Our parish has the honour of hosting the Annual Service of Prayer for Unity among Christians. This year is very significant as the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation is being marked. It was the desire of Pope John Paul II for the year 2000 both Catholics and Lutherans would sign an accord, in a humble manner, acknowledging the mutual sins of the past in regard to the causes of the Reformation. The theological accord of common understanding in regard to Justification – the major theological issue at the time, was signed in an agreed statement. This was a wonderful moment of divine grace for the two Churches. Towards the end of 2016 Pope Francis went to Lund in Sweden for the international commemoration of the Protestant Reformation. Both Papal initiatives are of profound historical and current significance.

This year the Lutheran Pastor Stephan Arras, St. Finian's Lutheran Church, Adelaide Road will preach the sermon at the Service in St. Patrick's Church, Esker. Perhaps this is the first time a Lutheran pastor has preached in a Catholic Church in Lucan. Please make a special effort to attend. *Hospitality will be offered after the service.*

St. Thomas' JNS – Enrolment: Formal Registration of Junior Infants for September 2017 will take place in the school on Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th January 2017 from 10.00am to 12 noon. Copies of your child's birth & baptismal certificates along with the child's P.P.S. No. and a house utility bill will be required on the day of enrolment. Enrolment to the school is subject to the school's enrolment policy, which is available to peruse in the school office.

Interfaith Celebration Leixlip: Our Lady's Nativity Church, Station Road, Leixlip – Wed. 25th Jan at 8pm – Theme: *'Moving Forward Together'* – Catholic speaker Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Charles J. Brown. Representatives of the Jewish, Islamic, Buddhist and Baha'l faiths along with a Humanist and Christians from the Church of Ireland and the Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministry will have an equal opportunity to speak. Your presence would be much appreciated.