

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

24TH SEPTEMBER 2017



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/ Adamstown
September 24, 2017

Mass Intentions for coming week: **Saturday, 7pm:** Joe McDonnell (A);



Remember Carmel McLoughlin (A); **Sunday, 9am:** Philip Smith (A); Remember Christina Rogers (A); **10.30am:** Darragh & His Grandad Joe Ryle (A); Remember Baby Aoife Lynn (A); **12 noon:** Noel Levingstone (A); Remember Gerry Henry (A); Barney Jarvis (A); Christopher Doyle (A).

Monday, 10am: Andrew Spears (A); Kevin, Larry, Paddy & Caitlin Burke (A); **Tues. 10am:** Barbara Keane (RIP); Pauline Devlin (RIP); **Wed. 10am:** Brendan Grenville (RIP); Nora Ryan (RIP); **Thurs. 10am:** Hugh McGinley (A); **Fri. 10am:** Patrick Balfe (A); Patrick Evans (A); **Sat. 10am:** Marie Cregg Intentions; Michael McConigley (RIP).

Sunday, 24th Sept: As we gather in faith, we ask the Lord to open our hearts and minds to his presence in each other, in the words of sacred Scripture, and in the Eucharist.

Readings for Today – Sun: 24th Sept: *The First Reading:* The prophet asks us to seek the Lord, while at the same time recognising that his ways are beyond us. This is the paradox of discipleship! *The Second Reading:* Paul's desire to serve the Lord in others is even stronger than his desire to depart and be with the Lord. This is true pastoral charity! *The Gospel:* The landlord of the parable is not unfair to any of his workers; he is more than fair – extravagantly fair. This is God's kind of fairness.

Crosscare collection: Many thanks for your amazing generosity to the Crosscare collection last weekend: 2015-€3,310; 2016-€3,55; **2017-€4,155**. This figure shows a sizeable increase over the past three years. We are playing our part as a parish to address homelessness.

Tax Rebate: Tax rebate forms have been sent out and we would be very grateful to get back as many as possible. This allows the Parish claim back tax for contributions over €250. It will go directly to the running of our own Parish. We thank those who have signed the enduring Certificate which allows the parish to claim the tax again this year. If you have any queries, please contact Anne in the Parish Office.

Parish Notices: Collections: Sat. & Sun. 16th & 17th Sept: First Collection -

€; 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): €: For Diocesan Projects. Many thanks for your generosity. Planned Giving (Envelopes) €; For Parish Maintenance & Development. We thank all those who contribute faithfully every week.

Parish Development Project: St. Patrick's Church will be launching a Parish Development Project "*A Promise of Hope*" on this weekend 23rd/24th September to assist Fr. Kidus in his work in Ethiopia, East Africa. He is a member of the Salesian Order. Fr. Kidus spent a couple of years assisting in our parish, while he was studying in Maynooth College. He returned to Ethiopia in 2015 where he is Principal of an 800-pupil school. As we are aware from the media, Ethiopia is one of the poorest countries in the world and is in a very serious situation regarding hunger and poverty at present. The project has been sanctioned by the Superior General of the Salesian Order. Many children arrive to his school hungry. Our aim with this project is to provide a good meal for each child every morning and therefore enable them to study. As we know education is the key to escaping poverty and it would be hoped that when the present cohort of pupils are educated, they, in turn, would give back to their community. We thank you for contributing to this very urgent and worthy cause. We assure the people of the Parish that every cent that you donate to this very worthy cause will go directly to Fr. Kidus, there will be no administration costs. **Collections will be before and after each Mass.**

Sunday Gospel Message Team: Can you give one Sunday Mass a month? The Sunday Gospel Message Team requires some more volunteers to maintain the programme. If you or any other Parishioners would be interested in helping with the young members of our congregation, please give your name to one of our volunteers. We only ask volunteers to help at one mass a month. The Gospel Message is a programme for pre-Holy Communion children that takes place in the Pastoral Centre while the 10.30 Sunday family Mass is being celebrated. We also welcome teenagers to assist the volunteers.

Holy Communion Rota: The new Holy Communion Rota is now available in the Sacristy for the Eucharistic Ministers.

Confirmation Masses: These will take place at the 7pm Saturday evening Vigil Masses on the following dates: 23rd September (**Ceremony of Commitment**); 11th November; 9th December; 20th January; 10th February; Ceremony of Light – Thursday, 22nd February at 7pm.