

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

26TH NOVEMBER 2017



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro/ Adamstown
November 26, 2017

Mass Intentions for coming week: **Saturday, 7pm:** John & Mary Dignam &



Noeleen Blackburn (A); Remember Francis & Gerald McDaid (A); **Sunday, 9am:** Niall McCann (RIP); **10.30am:** Annie & Joe Byrne (A); Peggy Morris & deceased members of the Morris Family; **12 noon:** Mary Kearns (A); .

Remember in your prayers this week - Tony Curran, Albert (Nobby) Clarke, Ann Jarvis, Ellen & Michael Mongan and Kathleen Melody whose anniversaries occur.

Mon. 10am: Sr. Teresa Naughton (RIP); Breda Burke (RIP); **Tues. 10am:** Mary Coleman (RIP); Peadar O'Loughlin (RIP); Paddy Maloney Intentions; **Wed. 10am:** Philip McManus (RIP); Frank O'Meara (RIP); Dolores Mongey (RIP); **Thurs. 10am:** Breda Burke (RIP); Patrick Byrne (RIP); **Fri. 10am: First Friday – Altar List of the Dead;** Robert O'Bhroin (A); **Sat. 10am:** Jim McTiernan (A); Dennis Barry (RIP).

A Parish Journey is Self-Awareness: The parish has a close relationship with Accord (the Accord Centre beside the parish church, a parishioner in training as a facilitator and Fr. John serves on the Diocesan Board of Accord). For some time, ACCORD have been talking about self-awareness and the importance of being self-aware and has now developed a one-day programme on self-awareness. The purpose of the course is to help people experience better and more positive relationships in the course of their lives and also work on their confidence so that they can participate as an equal in relationships. The working title on the programme **'Looking at ME'**. The parish is willing to pilot the programme to see what works and what may need to be changed. To pilot the programme 15 to 20 people (adults) are required. There will be no charge for the pilot programme and as it a day long (10 to 4). ACCORD will pay all those costs, including refreshments. All people will have to do is to give us their feedback about the programme at the end of the day. This is a wonderful opportunity, of self-discovery. If you are interested in participating in the programme, please contact Fr. John.

Church Closure: The church will be closed for the week commencing Monday, 27th Nov to lay new carpet. Mass will be celebrated in the Pastoral Centre that week.

Bethany Support Group: next meeting will be Wednesday 13th Dec.

Collections: Sat. & Sun. 18th & 19th Nov: First Collection - €:1,260: This money goes to pay the salaries of the Diocesan Priests. 2nd Collection (SHARE): €1,095: For Diocesan Projects. Planned Giving (Envelopes) €751; Standing Orders €576: For Parish Maintenance & Development. We thank all those who contribute faithfully every week

Promise of Hope – Supporting Fr. Kidus in Ethiopia – Is hosting a Flower Demonstration on Thursday, 7th Dec. at 11am in St. Patrick's Church. All welcome to this enjoyable morning while also supporting a great cause. A raffle will be held. Tickets for the raffle will be on sale after all the Masses on weekend of 2nd /3rd December. There will also be some Christmas crafts for sale after the demonstration. Tea/coffee will be served. No admission. Donations welcome. Representatives of various Active Retirement Groups will be available if people wish to enquire about their activities. We look forward to seeing you on the 7th December.

Crosscare Foodbank: Archbishop Martin is seeking practical support for a Parish Food Appeal on **2nd & 3rd Dec** for the Crosscare Foodbanks. Crosscare work with many individuals and families throughout the Archdiocese who are struggling to make ends meet. This year we are asking that collections be **held on one weekend only**. This will allow us to distribute hampers in good time for Christmas to hundreds of families. Items most needed: Shampoo & Hygiene Products; Soups; Tinned meats; Seasonal Biscuits, Cleaning Products. Items can be left in the Pastoral Centre. More info from The Food Bank Team on 01 8603166 or email: mmcdonagh@crosscare.ie.

A Parish Celebration: The parish was constituted from St. Mary's parish in 1978. Next year will be the 40th anniversary. The Finance Committee has undertaken significant renovation work in recent months: painting of the church; restoration of the wooden seats; restoration of the wood of the main altar (work undertaken as a gift from the contracted painter); blinds for the front and back windows; created a new web site; restored the wood in the front porch; AV link to the Pastoral Centre (in progress); new floor covering (in progress); cleaning of the bell tower. However, this would be empty work without parish ministry. As the Liturgical New Year begins next weekend (2nd/3rd Dec) the parish is, this weekend, celebrating the 33 Ministry groups in the parish. The Parish Pastoral Council has facilitated the making of a film celebrating the ministry groups (thanks to Ian Brabazon) and a unique biblical poster for each ministry. You are welcome to view the posters in the sanctuary after Mass. The film can be viewed on the sliding bar of the homepage of the parish web site www.stpatrickslucan.ie