

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

10TH DECEMBER 2017



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/ Adamstown
December 10, 2017

Mass Intentions for coming week: Saturday. 7pm: Eddie & Lily Purcell (A);



Remember Mary Weir, Michael May, Ada & Thomas Doyle and their children Patricia, Maura & Gerard Doyle (A); John, Joe & Agnes O'Neill; Peter PJ & Mary Cunningham (A);

Michael Fallon (A); **Sunday 9am:** Patricia Kerrigan (A);

Remember Richard Mylod (A); **10.30am:** Grace & Patrick Grealish; Cassie, Frank, Sean & Carolyn Carr (A); Josie McGinley (A); Remember Byrne & Murphy Family Anniversaries; **12 noon:** George Crowley (A); Remember Philip McManus (M.M.)

Mon. 10am: Deceased member of Legion of Mary; Patsy Byrne (RIP); Ann & Paddy Maloney Intentions; **Tues. 10am:** Philip McManus (RIP); Dan Healy (RIP); Get Well Intention; **Wed. 10am:** Tim O'Mahony (A); Ann Grogan & Paddy Carson (RIP); **Thurs. 10am:** Stephen O'Malley & Maisie Gallagher (RIP); Get Well Intention; **Fri. 10am:** Kathleen McMackin (RIP); Pray for the Holy Souls; **Sat. 10am:** Noel Flynn Birthday Remembrance; Nora Gallagher (RIP).

Remember Sarah Reck and Bernard Fallon whose funeral took place during the week.

Baptisms: Welcome into the Christian Community this weekend – Rosie O'Connell, Penelope Mills, Jack Rankin, Andrea Balan.



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

Readings Sunday, 10th Dec: *The First Reading* – Often the task of a prophet is to afflict the comfortable. Here, the prophet is being sent to comfort the afflicted. *The Second Reading* – From the beginning, disciples hoped that God would soon set all things to rights. God's apparent delay arises from his patience he allows time, so that people may repent and turn to him. *The Gospel* - We hear the very first words of the gospel, which remind us that the story of Jesus is 'good news'. Our Christian faith is built on good news.

Collections: 2nd & 3rd Dec: First Collection - €1,340: This money goes to pay salaries of the Diocesan Priests. 2nd Collection (SHARE): €1,115: For Diocesan Projects. Planned Giving (Envelopes) €1,361; Standing Orders €576: For Parish Maintenance & Development. We thank all those who contribute faithfully every week

Liturgies for Children – Christmas Eve/Day –

Health and Safety: There will be THREE Liturgies for children

1. Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm.

2. Away in a Manger - A Nativity Service at 6.30pm: Families with young children are invited to join us for a Parish Crib Service at 6.30pm. Our Service will tell the story of Jesus' birth and sing Christmas Carols. This is not a full Mass with holy communion and may be more suitable for some families. It is a reflection on and celebration of the story of the first Christmas.

3. Christmas Day at 10.30am.

The Mass on Christmas Eve caused serious concern to parents last year due to very dangerous levels of overcrowding, added to by the fact that several buggies blocked all the aisles. Since then we have spent a considerable amount of money investing in fire safety. However, this is insufficient without proper supervision.

This year when the church is FULL (with free access in the aisles) that will mean the church IS ACTUALLY FULL. Parishioners will be advised that there will be a 6.30pm Liturgy to follow and a 10.30am Mass for children again on Christmas Day.

Words of Gratitude: A thousand gratitudes to the parish staff, helpers,

volunteers who assisted in the mighty task of unbolting the church benches from the cement floor, stacking them, replaced them and re-bolted them into the cement after the carpets were put in place and those who cleaned up in time for the 7pm Vigil Mass last Saturday. It was an act of great generosity in the service of the worshipping community. You are the essence of what parish life is all about. Thank You!

Advent Prayer Groups are taking place in homes in the Parish. Details in the Porch.