

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

3RD DECEMBER 2017



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/ Adamstown
December 3, 2017

Mass Intentions for coming week: **Saturday, 7pm:** Peter Doyle (A);



Remember Attracta Sirr, Pattie & Joseph Curtis, Patrick Barr whose anniversaries occur; **Sunday, 9am:** Annie & Jack Doyle and Patrick Hynes (A); **10.30am:** Bob Smith (A); **12 noon:** John King (A). **Mon. 10am:** Patrick Barr (A); Mary, Margaret, John & Michael Octigan (A); Get Well Intention;

Tues. 10am: Maisie Gallagher (RIP); Terry McGovern (RIP); Marie King Intentions; **Wed. 10am:** Philip McManus (RIP); Thomas & Marcella Lennon (RIP); Paddy Maloney Get Well Intention; **Thurs. 10am:** Joan Hudson (RIP); May Berney (RIP); Special Intention; **7pm – Vigil Mass:** Elizabeth English (A); **Fri. 10am: Holy Day:** Eilish O'Sullivan (A); Anthony Fleming (A); Martin McCormick (RIP); **Sat. 10am:** Seamus Finn (RIP); Philip McManus (RIP); Get Well Intention.

Baptisms: Welcome into the Christian Community



this weekend – Laoise Twamley MacManamon, Freya O'Neill, Cillian & Erin Carroll, Snow Okafu Enoyogyere, Emmanuel Agbaje, and Eric Doyle.

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.

Collections: Sat. & Sun. 25th & 26th Nov: First Collection - €1,335: 2nd

collection (SHARE): €1,050: Planned Giving (Envelopes) €873; Standing Orders €576:

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 this weekend. There will also be some Christmas crafts for sale after the demonstration. Tea/coffee will be served. No admission. Donations welcome. Representatives of various groups in the parish will be available if people wish to enquire about their activities. We look forward to seeing you on the 7th December.

Crosscare Foodbank: This food appeal is taking place this weekend.

Crosscare work with many individuals and families throughout the Archdiocese who are struggling to make ends meet. 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 this weekend, 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

Health & Safety: *Christmas Eve – Children's Liturgy* – Attendance in recent years at the Children's Liturgy has been over capacity. While this is to be welcomed, it is of the utmost importance that we comply with Health Safety regulations. This year, once the Church is full, it will not be possible to allow people to enter. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.