

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

NEWSLETTER

13TH MAY 2018



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro/ Adamstown
May 13, 2018

Mass Intentions for coming week: **Sat. 7pm:** Pauline O'Leary (A); Nelson



Herron (A); **Sun: 9am:** Bernard & Kathleen McHugh (A);
10.30am: Martin Gilmore (RIP); Richard Holmwood (RIP);
12 noon: Billy & May Dobbs (A); Remember David Foran (A)
and Martin Duffy (RIP).

Mon. 10am: Mary Byrne (RIP); Michael & Lucy Gannon Intentions; **Tues. 10am:**
James, Frances, Michael, Ann and babies Doreen & James Jnr Morrissey (A); Fr James
Keegan & Bernice Daly Intentions; **Wed. 10am:** Chris McEvoy (RIP); Julie Perry
Intentions; Belina Marquez; **Thurs. 10am:** David Foran (A); Camel Rapple (m.m.);
Richard Holmwood (RIP); John Dowd (RIP); **Fri. 10am:** Noreen O'Brien (RIP); Holy
Souls; **Sat. 9am:** Margaret Nolan Intentions; John Clyne (RIP).

Baptisms: Welcome into the Christian Community this
weekend – Alphie Corrigan.

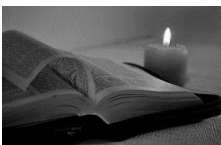


Mass on Sat. 19th May – Please note that the daily

morning Mass on this day will be at 9am. Mass at 11am will be for the children of
Scoil Mhuire, Woodview, who are making their First Holy Communion. May the Lord
bless them throughout their lives ahead.

Sunday, 13th May – The Ascension of the Lord: Our
Lord has left us with a mission: to be his witnesses. May our celebration of this
Eucharist strengthen us as the Lord's witnesses.

Readings – Sun. 13th May: *The First Reading* – The Acts of the



Apostles, a whole new book of scripture is needed to begin
to describe the working of the Holy Spirit after the Lord's
Ascension! *The Second Reading* – St. Paul wants us to see
'what hope God's call holds for us!' *The Gospel* – Jesus
'shows himself' to his followers, and is taken from their
sight. As disciples we have moments of encounter, yet we

must live by faith.

Collections: Sat. & Sun. 5th & 6th May: First Collection - €1,100; 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): €1,095: For Diocesan Projects. Thank you for your generosity. Planned Giving (Envelopes) €1,244; Standing Orders €576: For Parish Maintenance & Development. Thank you for your weekly contributions.

The Deep End – Forgotten Feast: Sandwiched between Easter and Pentecost, the feast of the Ascension can sometimes tend to be overlooked. It can be hard to make sense of the artistic images we see of Jesus disappearing into the clouds as the disciples stand and stare after him. But the Ascension does more than simply mark the culmination of Jesus' earthly life; it opens up for us a path to God. Where Jesus has gone, we hope one day to follow.

As Pope Francis puts it, 'the Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now ... present in every space and time, close to each one of us. We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us.'

It is this very presence of Jesus that gave the disciples, and gives us, the strength for mission. Immediately before he is taken into heaven, Jesus issues his final and most important instruction: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the good news to all creation.' And after he goes, the disciples straight away set about the task. Far from being suddenly absent, we are told the Lord is now working with them in a new way. The Ascension is less a loss than a transition, a promise that Jesus will always be with us.

St. Patrick's Prayer Group: Meet every Monday night in St. Patrick's Pastoral Centre from 8.30-9.15pm. All welcome.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary parish-based ministry which aims to help and support those who have suffered a loss through bereavement or otherwise. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 8-9pm in St. Patrick's Pastoral Centre. This is a free, confidential service and is available to everyone in Lucan and the outlying areas. We can be contacted on 089 250 7213.