

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

NEWSLETTER

6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018



Welcome To  
St Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/ Adamstown  
May 6, 2018

**Mass Intentions for coming week:** **Sat. 7pm:** Josie & Bill Mahady (A);



Remember Kathleen Murphy (M.M.); Peter Timmons (A);  
**Sun: 9am:** Sherry Family (A); **10.30am:** Catherine  
Murphy (A); **12 noon:** Colm Kearns (A); Remember  
Janet O'Reilly, Ray Whelan, Martin O'Brien and Charlie  
Buckley whose anniversaries occur.

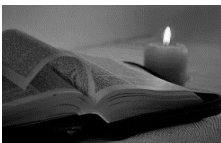
**Mon. 10am:** Janet O'Reilly (A); Michael Cahill (RIP); Mrs. Nzanga (RIP);  
**Tues. 10am:** Margaret Dempsey (RIP); Noreen O'Brien (RIP); **Wed. 10am:**  
Mrs. Nzanga (RIP); Margaret Dempsey (RIP); **Thurs. 10am:** Martin & Kate  
Mullally (A); Tom & Kitty Hall Intentions; **Fri. 10am:** Joan Murphy (RIP);  
Thanksgiving Favours Received; **Sat. 10am:** Anna Aherne (RIP); Bríd Cullen  
(RIP).

**Baptisms:** Welcome into the Christian Community this  
weekend – Éabha Sono, Luke Flinter, Daisy Kelly,  
Freya & Leo Wickham and Sophia Gabuya.



**Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> May - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter:** The opening  
prayer at this Mass speaks of 'heartfelt devotion.' Let us truly open our hearts  
to God as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist.

**Readings - Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> May:** *The First Reading* – Peter is being



guided by the Holy Spirit, who, during the first 'Easter  
Season', is leading the Church in directions that surprise and  
astonish. *The Second Reading* – No less than nine times  
does the word 'love' feature in this short reading. Christian  
discipleship is made possible by the love Christ has shown,  
and it is given shape by the love we show each other. *The*

*Gospel* – Jesus commands love. This means that it is more than a passing feeling: it is  
a decision.

**Collections:** Sat. & Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> April: First Collection - €1,490; 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (SHARE): €1,260: For Diocesan Projects. Thank you for your generosity. Planned Giving (Envelopes) €753; Standing Orders €576: For Parish Maintenance & Development. Thank you for your weekly contributions.

**Meena Bazaar:** Our friends in the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community are hosting a Bazaar in aid of LauraLynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice this weekend on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> May from 12 noon to 7pm at St. Joseph's College, Lucan. Ladies Only. Boys up to age of 12. Fun for the children, food, hot and cold drinks and a great variety of activities. Why not come along – an interfaith experience and a worthy cause.

**The Deep End – A Brief History of Love:** God does not have favourites, Peter tells us. You wouldn't think that was the case sometimes listening to some of the people who purport to speak on his behalf. When Professor Stephen Hawking passed away earlier this year, people from all walks of life paid tribute to his brilliance, his scientific legacy, his courage and his sense of humour. Professor Hawking's work taught the world so much about the boundless mysteries of the universe. Though he considered himself an atheist, he believed that life had meaning, and that we should always be curious about how the universe came into existence. He believed in love, and is quoted as saying 'It would not be much of a universe if it wasn't home to the people you love.' And yet, after his death, there were some who couldn't resist the opportunity to ask: where is he now, this man who did not believe in God? The judgement and lack of compassion was staggering, coming as it did from 'Christian' commentators. Where is the love in such attitudes? Today we bring everything back to one word: love. There are more than 20 references to love in today's readings. God's love does not discriminate. In the second reading we hear that 'everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God', while 'anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love'. That love that God showed by sending his Son for us, is the same generous, wholehearted, self-sacrificing love we are called to show others – whether their beliefs align with ours or not. God does not have favourites. (*Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon. Email [trionad@gmail.com](mailto:trionad@gmail.com)*) (*Intercom*).

**Parish Book:** This book was launched on St. Patrick's weekend and it celebrates our Parish over the past 40 years – copies available in the Pastoral Centre or in the porch after the Sunday Masses at a cost of €10. A great read.