

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

13TH JANUARY 2019



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/ Adamstown
January 13, 2019

Mass Intentions for coming week: **Sat.** 7pm: Philomena Doherty



(RIP); **Sun: 9am:** Larry Smith; Remember Gerry Kelleher (RIP); Paddy Delaney (RIP); **10.30am:** Kathleen Kelly (A); Remember Sonny & Olly Kearns (A); Margaret Nolan (A); **12 noon:** Con O'Doherty (A).

Remember Paddy Malone (A) and May Donachie who died this week.

Mon. 10am: Frank Farrell (RIP); Danny Coyne (RIP); Noreen Moraghan Intentions; **Tues. 10am:** James & Mary O'Driscoll (A); Timothy & Mary Moynihan (A); **Wed. 10am:** Maguire Family Intentions; **Thurs. 10am:** Noel Levingstone Birthday Remembrance; Margaret & James Dunne (A); **Fri. 10am:** Family Intentions of Dylan Daly (RIP); **Sat. 10am:** Charlie Maguire (A).

Baptisms: Welcome into the Christian Community this weekend – Fiadh Byrne, Ronan Fitzgerald and Kizito Onuchukwu



Sun. 13th January ~ The Baptism of our Lord: Our Lord drew close to sinners who were waiting to be baptised by John. Let us draw close to him, with confidence in his mercy.

Readings ~ Sun. 13th Jan: **The First Reading:** It is in Jesus, our Consolation, that the ancient biblical command has been fulfilled: 'Console my people, console them, says your God'. **The Second Reading:** We are saved by 'the cleansing water of rebirth'. Christ, who joined sinners at his baptism, took their place on the Cross, and in this way opened for us the way to God. **The Gospel:** After Christ's baptism, the heavens open. This is a token of what the Lord would bring about for everyone: complete access to God and to eternal life.

Collections: Sat. & Sun. 5th & 6th Jan: First Collection - €1,180; 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): €1,280: For Diocesan Projects. Standing Orders €576: For Parish Maintenance & Development. Thank you for your weekly contributions.

The Deep End: The Baptism of the Lord

Today's Gospel tells us that the people were 'filled with expectation'. It sounds like a very exciting time as they wonder who this prophet John could be. John must have been a very dynamic and inspiring preacher as the people speculated if he were the one they have been waiting for. He uses all of this attention for one purpose to point people to Jesus. There are many people in our own lives who have pointed us towards Jesus, perhaps by an invitation to an event or a retreat or by sharing a reflection with us at just the right time. In them, we see something special and interesting that makes us wonder in our hearts and seek a little further. They are the John the Baptists in our lives, pointing us towards the Lord like signposts along the way.

John humbly responds to the people by saying: 'One who is more powerful than I, is coming'. He emphasises that it is He who will really set their hearts on fire. While the words concerning, 'winnowing forks' seem harsh, we might interpret them as speaking of God's power to transform our lives through Jesus. When Jesus enters into the narrative, Luke emphasises that He is at prayer, and it is then that this powerful experience of God occurs. A nice meditation for today is to repeat the last sentence of today's Gospel, imagining God speaking these words to you: 'You are my Daughter/Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased'. (*Jane Mellett; mellettj@gmail.com*).

Bethany Bereavement Support Group: 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. To contact telephone 089 250 7213.