

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

NEWSLETTER

10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019



Welcome To  
St Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro/ Adamstown  
March 10, 2019

Mass Intentions for coming week: Sat. 7pm: ; Sun: 9am: 12 noon:

Mon. 10am: ; Tues. 10am: ; Wed. 10am: ); Thurs. 10am: Fri. 10am: Sat.  
10am: .

**Baptisms:** Welcome into the Christian Community this  
weekend – .



**Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> March** – As we begin the season of Lent, may we determine to seek God and his goodness with all our might, and may this Eucharist strengthen us to do so.

**Readings – Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> March:** *The First Reading:* Moses wants the Chosen People to be able to describe what God has done for them. We can be strong in our faith only when we have a sense that God has blessed us. *The Second Reading:* To be a person of faith is to recognize that Jesus is Lord; but not only that: that recognition must be heartfelt – and what is heartfelt cannot but bear fruit in our lives.. *The Gospel:* Jesus was tempted – the Gospel is not pretending or exaggerating. Jesus had to stand his ground in the face of real, concrete temptation. It is to him we should run whenever we experience temptation.

**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.

**Cleaner Wanted** - St John the Evangelist Adamstown School, 20 hours a week. Contact [office@stjohntheevangelistns.com](mailto:office@stjohntheevangelistns.com)

**Collections:** Sat. & Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> March - First Collection - €; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (SHARE): €: . ENVELOPES: €; Standing Orders €576: For Parish Maintenance & Development. Thank you for your weekly contributions.

# What's Happening for Lent 2019?

## **RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON TRANSFORMING REPENTANCE: Coming**

### **Home to God**

*(ECUMENICAL BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS ORGANISED BY THE FOUR MAIN CHURCH TRADITIONS IN LUCAN)*

#### ***Themes***

**WHEN? Week One:** 11<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm to 9pm; **Temptation**

**Week Two:** 18<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm to 9pm; **Repentance**

**Week Three:** 25<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm to 9pm; **From Roots to Fruits**

**Week Four:** 1<sup>st</sup> April, 7.30pm to 9pm; **Coming Home**

**Week Five:** 8<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm to 9pm; **All My Love**

***WHERE?*** St Patrick's Pastoral Centre

Cost: Free. Refreshments served during each session

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## **RELIGIOUS ART REFLECTIONS:**

**Dr. Eileen Kane –**

Wednesdays 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March immediately after the 10am Mass.

To coincide with the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord (25<sup>th</sup> March), nine months before the birth of Jesus, Dr Kane will lead us in an artistic biblical reflection on two paintings of the Annunciation by the Italian painter Fra Angelico (born; c. 1395). In 1982, Pope John Paul II proclaimed the beatification of Fra Angelico in recognition of the holiness of his life. Refreshments served in the Pastoral Centre after each session.

## Giving a refugee family a home, a Lenten Reflection

The Department of Justice last Thursday the launch of the new community sponsorship initiative encouraging villages, towns and parishes across Ireland to “sponsor” a vulnerable refugee family. Under the programme, a Syrian refugee family will be resettled directly into a community rather than spending time in an emergency reception and orientation centre (EROC) or direct provision. The sponsor community must find suitable housing for the family and help them find employment and learn English and enrol children in school. A pilot of the programme which began last year saw the town of Dunshaughlin, Co Meath, welcome a Syrian family last December, while Wicklow town welcomed a family in April. More than 300,000 refugees have been resettled across Canada since its community sponsorship programme began four decades ago. Now Canada has more communities seeking to sponsor than they have refugees to send around