

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

29TH SEPTEMBER 2019



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/ Adamstown
September 29, 2019

Mass Intentions for coming week: Sat. 7pm: Laura Keany; Sun: 9am:



Michael McCarthy (RIP); 10.30 am: Darragh Ryle (A) & his Grandad and Grandma (A); 12 noon Noel Levingstone (A); Remember Kathleen O'Connell and Joe Coffey whose anniversaries occur.

Mon. 10am: Noel Houlihan (RIP); George Butler (RIP); Tues. 10am: Nora O'Malley (RIP); George Butler (RIP); Wed. 10am: Annett Wade Intentions; Gerard Connolly (RIP); Thurs. 10am: George Butler (RIP); Chris Foley Jakeman (m.m.); Fri. 10am: First Friday – Altar List of the Dead; Sat. 10am: James O'Malley (RIP); George Butler (RIP)

Readings – Sun. 29th Sept: *The First Reading* - The message of the prophet is start: revelry that is funded by injustice or forgetful of God's justice is the road to destruction. *The Second Reading*: 'Be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle'. These are St. Paul's instructions to Timothy. Dedication to God is not an abstract piety: it brings a whole raft of joyful demands! *The Gospel*: The rich man's crime is not what he has done but what he has failed to do. It is not enough to avoid wrong: we must, with God's help, pursue goodness and justice.

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.

Church Cleaners ~ the Church is cleaned twice weekly after 10.30am

Mass - if anyone would like to volunteer to help, you would be most welcome. You can leave your details in the sacristy after Mass or in the parish office during the week – telephone 01 6281018, as the saying goes '*many hands make light work*'.

Collections: Sat. & Sun 21st & 22nd Sept: First Collection - €1160; This money goes to pay the salaries of the Priests of the Diocese; 2nd Collection (SHARE): €1080: For Diocesan Projects. ENVELOPES: €656; Standing Orders €576: For Parish Maintenance & Development. Thank you for your weekly contributions.

Anam Cara ~ Anam Cara South Dublin the organisation that supports

bereaved parents, are holding a Parent Support Event on 7th October at 7:20pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. For further information please contact us at info@anamcara.ie or call 01 404 5372 or 085 288 8888.

Donation Envelopes ~ If you are new to the area and would like to

contribute to the Parish please call to the Sacristy where you can collect a box of envelopes. All contributions are much appreciated. Tax rebate forms have been distributed and anyone who hasn't yet returned them, we would appreciate it if you could do so please. The rebate to the Parish is tax that has already been paid and goes directly to the maintenance of our Parish.

Farewell ~ There is a Chinese proverb that goes "all things change, and we

change with them". And so, we bid farewell to Fr Joseph. Our schools and parish have been enriched by Chinese parishioners who have come to Lucan, some have even joined our Christian initiation programme and become Catholics at our Easter Vigil Liturgy.

However, we never had the blessing of a Chinese priest in our midst. We have been both honoured and blessed by the ministry and indeed friendship of Joseph. His natural warmth has endeared him to all of us. His smile and sense of fun has been most enjoyable, not least the occasional odd pronunciation of a deceased member of the community!

Fr Joseph and Fr Pius came to be here when the Diocese asked me to find accommodation for them while they began their post-graduate studies at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. We were fortunate to have a house available as Fr. Reilly had been given a new appointment and had not been replaced in the parish. So, the generosity and commitment of the early parishioners who raised the money to buy the house, where they live, are ultimately to be credited with the blessing of Fr Joseph and Fr Pius among us.

Fr Joseph, we wish you well as you return to your home Diocese. May God go with you and know that you will remain in our hearts and prayers.

Finally, we encourage you with another Chinese proverb "choose a job you love, and you will never work a day in your life"... Fr. John.