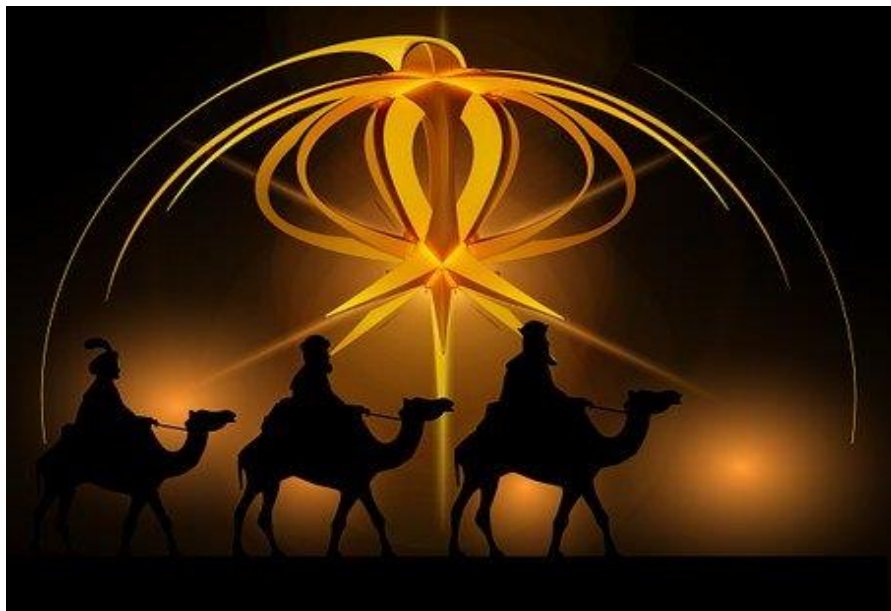


WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S ESKER/DODSBORO/ADAMSTOWN
NEWSLETTER

22ND DECEMBER 2019



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro/ Adamstown
December 22, 2019

Mass Intentions for coming week: **Sat. 7pm:** Charlie Smith (A); **Sun:**



9am: Jack & Annie Doyle (A); Patrick Hynes (A); **10.30 am** Deceased members of Kilduff & Archbold families
12 noon: Maureen, Brendan & Brian Kelly (A)

Remember Sadie McCarthy, Elizabeth Cole Grossman, Nancy McCabe, Gertie Ferris, James & Una Mulhern, Lilly Keaney, Tom Waldron, Elena Paymerov, Michael Corcoran, Ellen & Thomas Mongan, Michael Flaherty, Paddy Hyland, Eamonn & Pierre Kelly, Margaret & Michael McCaffrey, John, Agnes & Shane O'Neill, Catherine & Jim McTiernan, Pat King, James, Elizabeth, Jim & Frances Guckian and Kathy Devine, Seamus Kavanagh whose anniversaries occur.

Mon. 10am: Jim Harris (RIP); James Finnegan (RIP); **Tues. 10am:** Wayne Hudson (RIP); Pat Garland (A); **Christmas Day Masses for the intentions of all Parishioners;** **Thurs. 11am:** Ted Crowley (A); **Fri. 10am:** Sadie McCarthy (A); Jack & Kitty O'Brien (A); Bill & Eileen Farley (A); **Sat. 10am:** Sarah, John & Margaret Kirwan (A); Sarah & Gerard Corcoran (A).

Readings – Sun. 22nd Dec: *The First Reading* - King Ahaz of Judah

is a frightened man. Threatened by foreign powers, he is tempted to ignore God's promise of protection and seek godless alliances instead. God invites him to ask for any sign of God's presence, but Ahaz is committed to seeking help elsewhere, and he appeals to the pious notion of not putting God to the test. **The Second Reading:** St. Paul opens his magisterial letter to the Romans by describing himself as a servant, or slave, of Christ Jesus. Paul can rejoice in being a servant, because he knows the goodness of the One he serves. **The Gospel:** Near the beginning of Matthew's Gospel, the prophecy made to King Ahaz is taken up: Jesus is Emmanuel, 'God-with-us.' Jesus himself will take up this theme again, in the last line of this Gospel: 'Know that I am with you always, until the end of the age.'

Collections: Sat. & Sun 14th & 15th Dec: First Collection - €1285; 2nd

Collection (SHARE): €1110; ENVELOPES: €890; Standing Orders €576: Thank you.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel: It

took some time for Joseph to accept the fact that, in Mary, there was truly Emmanuel – God with us. God is with us now, but at times we struggle to perceive God's presence. Where have you unexpectedly discovered the presence of 'God with you'? Recall those experiences and give thanks.

(Intercom – John Byrne OSA)

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve 5 p.m.: Away in a Manger - A Nativity Service

Families with young children are invited to join us for a Parish Crib Service. Our Service will tell the story of Jesus' birth and sing Christmas Carols, this is not a full Mass with Holy Communion and may be more suitable for some families. It is a reflection on and celebration of the story of the first Christmas.

Christmas Eve: Children's Mass at 6.30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 9 p.m.

Christmas Day Masses: 9.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon

THURSDAY, December 26th ----- Mass at 11 a.m.

Friday – Saturday (December 27th – 28th) - Mass at 10 a.m.

Saturday, December 28th - Vigil Mass at 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 29th - Masses at 9 a.m., 10.30 a.m. & 12 noon

*THE PARISH TEAM WISH ALL OUR PARISHIONERS EVERY BLESSING
AND HAPPINESS FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR.*