

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

2ND FEBRUARY 2020



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/ Adamstown
February 2, 2020

Mass Intentions for coming week: **Sat. 7pm:** James Flanagan (A); **Sun: 9am:** Patrick & Maureen Mulready (A); **10.30 am:** William & Hannah Brennan (A); William & Annie Anderson (A); **12 noon:** Molly O'Toole (A); **Remember** Hazel Lawlor (m.m.); Imelda Gilbert; Mary & Conal McBreen, Mary Ann Marten, Martin & Ann Reilly, Thomas & Margaret Mongan whose anniversaries occur, Bridie Cooney, Sheila Foley and Alan Linahan who died recently.

Mon. 10am: Michael & Mary O'Connor (A); Eileen Greene Intentions, Special Intention; **Tues. 10am:** Nancy Higgins (RIP); Laurence Harrington (A); Special Intention; **Wed. 10am:** Margaret & Denis Behan (A); Special Intention; **Thurs. 10am:** Carmel Carter (RIP); Jimmy Dunne (RIP); **Fri. 10am:** First Friday – Altar List of the Dead; **Sat. 10am:** Mary Gahan Intentions; Catherine Carew (RIP).

Readings – Sun. 2nd Feb: ***The First Reading*** - The Prophet Malachi wanted worship to be worthy of God, present in his Temple. This would call for purification and refinement, much in the way that precious metals are smelted so that any undesired content is eliminated. In a similar way the infant Jesus, present in the Temple, will grow up to call people to conversion of life. ***The Second Reading:*** The Letter to the Hebrews underlines the humanity of Jesus, in order to emphasise his compassion – he understands our human nature from the inside. As the high priest who atones for sin, Jesus is also the sacrifice, the altar and the Temple. ***The Gospel:*** From the helpless infant being carried to and from the Temple, to the child growing in maturity and wisdom, Jesus shares fully in our human condition.

St. Patrick's One World Project – The church gate collection for St. Patrick's One World Project will take place after all Masses next weekend, 8th and 9th February. This is our parish charity supporting Lusungu in Malawi. We are working under the auspices of "Wells for Zoe". Thank you for your support to date.

St. Patrick's Music Academy is going from strength to strength we congratulate the 25 students who went forward for Royal Irish Academy of Music examinations last term. We are very proud with all receiving Honors marks. We will have another round of examinations at Easter.

There will be no Wiggle and Worship or Jam Youth Choir practice on Tuesday the 4th of February as we have had the most wonderful invitation to travel to Brussels and meet the European commissioner for health in recognition of the work of the cancer survivor choir "Sea of Change", which is one of our Academy choirs.

Commissioner Stella Kyriakides requested us to make a video of the choir's journey for world cancer day which will be broadcast live from the commission on the 4th of February. The commissioner a cancer survivor herself was delighted with the video then sent an invitation to meet her and to attend the World Cancer Day conference (Europe's Beating Cancer Plan: Let's strive for more). This event aims to demonstrate the EU's strong commitment to fighting cancer and to harness the collective power for positive change. The video will be a key part of the conference day and will be broadcast live on the 4th of February from the conference.

This choir is based in Esker church where it practices each week. The wonderful choir members were part of the Guinness world record for the biggest skinny dip. They then formed the "Sea of change choir" for Irelands got talent and got to the finals. They have raised almost one million euro for cancer charities to date between the dip and choir.

Next choir practice will be Tuesday the 11th of November.

Regards Ian & Laura
