

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

**15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**



Welcome To  
St Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro/ Adamstown  
March 15, 2020

**Mass Intentions for coming week:** Sat. 7pm: Anita Curran-Walah (A);  
Sun: 9am: Sherry Family (A); 10.30 am: Coleman & McGarry Families (A);  
12 noon: Denis & Catherine Tarrant (A); Annie & Patrick Hurley (A);  
Remember Micahel & Ellen Mongan, David Parker and Anne Mullalley  
whose anniversaries occur.

All masses will be offered privately by a Priest of the Parish

Mon. 10am: Eileen Behan (RIP); Anne Mullalley (A); Tues. 10am: Mark Hogan  
(A); Christopher Kelly (A); Wed. 10am: Jim & Carmel McSherry (RIP); Patricia  
Seery (RIP); Thurs. 10am: Peggy McGinley (m.m.); Ann Gilligan (RIP); Special  
Intention; Crissie Intentions; Fri. 10am: Seamus O'Sullivan (RIP); Josephine  
Murphy (RIP); Sat. 10am: Eileen Behan (RIP); Peggy McGinley (RIP) .

**Baptisms:** Welcome into the Christian Community this  
weekend – Tommy White



**Readings – Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> March:** *The First Reading* - Security can be  
more attractive than freedom, and the Chosen People often complained that while  
they were in captivity, they at least knew where their food and drink were coming  
from. They had to learn to depend on God. *The Second Reading:* Paul insists that  
what proves God's love for us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. In  
this, Paul is being autobiographical: he was overtaken by God's love while he was  
engaged in persecuting Christians. It was reflection on God's mercy towards himself  
that motivated Paul to keep proclaiming the gospel of mercy to others. *The Gospel:*  
This long Gospel reading is a gradual getting-to-know-you, in which an outcast, jaded,  
cynical woman comes to recognize Christ as her personal Saviour and the Saviour of  
the world.

**Collections: Sat. & Sun 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March:** First Collection - €1160; 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (SHARE): €965: For Diocesan Projects. Thank you for your generosity. ENVELOPES: €; Standing Orders €695: For Parish Maintenance & Development. Thank you for your weekly contributions

**Corona Virus Prayer:** Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process.

May they know your protection and peace. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ heal us. Amen.