

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

22ND MARCH 2020



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro/ Adamstown
March 22, 2020

Mass Intentions for coming week: Sunday: David O'Donoghue (A);



Peter Hughes (RIP); Rosaleen Kelly (RIP);
Colette Ryan (A); Remember Josephine (Josie)
Murphy (m.m.); Peggy McGinley (m.m.), Moira &
Tom Comerford (A); Cait O'Mahony (A);

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

Mon. 10am: John Hogan (RIP); Magaret Grindel (RIP); Tues. 10am:
Anne O'Driscoll (RIP); Peter Hughes (RIP); Wed. 10am: Kitty Maher;
Mena & Michael Wafer (A); Thurs. 10am: Monica Fleming (A); Fri.
10am: Peggy McGinley (RIP); Betty O'Toole (RIP); Sat. 10am: Philomena
Lally (RIP); Elizabeth Woodrow (RIP).

Readings – Sun. 22nd March: ***The First Reading*** - The
humble task of shepherding and the exalted position of a king
might not seem to go together, but God calls David, a shepherd
to be king. The humble are called to do great things; the great
are called to act humbly.

The Second Reading: Not only have we been enlightened by
Christ; Saint Paul tells us that we *are* light in the Lord. We are to
give careful thought to how we are living as people of light. We
are to avoid all that is dark and reflect Christ's light to others.

The Gospel: A small detail from this Gospel shows what a
tremendous thing Jesus is doing. He makes a paste from the
earth, just as God, at the beginning, had created Adam from the
earth. Jesus is re-creating the blind man, bringing him to new
life.

A Coronavirus 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.

