

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

19TH APRIL 2020



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/ Adamstown
April 19, 2020

Mass Intentions for coming week: Sunday



Nora Sheppard who died this week

John Hogan who died recently

Jim McCabe, Elena Paymerov,

Seamus Butler, Patrick Waters, Bridget & Paddy Purcell,

**Kathleen Reid, Mamie Davey, Con Crowley, Jane, Noel & Debbie Mulhall
whose anniversaries occur.**

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

Mon. 10am: Peggy McGinley (RIP); **Tues. 10am:** Mary Howlett (RIP); **Wed. 10am:** Mary Clarke (RIP); **Thurs. 10am:** Sr Maria Margaret Hughes (RIP) **Fri. 10am:** Con Crowley (A); **Sat. 10am:** Parishioners

Readings – Sun. 19th April – Divine Mercy Sunday:

The First Reading: It would not be long before the infant Church felt the first cold winds of persecution, but this reading from the Acts, describes the Church's honeymoon, a time of unity, joy and peace. Both times are caught up in God's providence.

The Second Reading: If we seek an anthem, a refrain, a truly Christian 'mantra' for this season of Easter, we need to look no further than the first line of this reading: 'Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ'.

The Gospel: John 20:19-31: The first word of the risen Jesus is 'peace'. His first action is to show his disciples the wounds through which he has secured that peace. He then appoints the disciples to mission, giving them the power of his Spirit.

Support Services for Older and Vulnerable People COVID-19 community supports are now in place to ensure vulnerable members of the community are reached and helped at this time. These comprise the local authority, Health Service Executive, County Champions, An Post, Community Welfare Service, An Garda Síochána, other State organisations, charities and other stakeholders. These Dedicated helplines are focused specifically on ensuring that the cocooning elderly, vulnerable members of the community or those living alone can access deliveries of groceries, medicine and fuels. Please try to ensure any vulnerable or elderly people in your parish help are aware of these services.

South Dublin County Council Helpline 01-4149043 with the lines initially open from 9am to 5pm seven days a week. Out of hours email contact through covidsupport@sdblincoco.ie

Other Support Services

ALONE national support line for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

SeniorLine is a national, confidential listening service for older people, run by trained older volunteers. If you are feeling worried, stressed or isolated at this very unnerving time, please feel free to ring this FREEPHONE service anytime between 10am and 10pm on any day of the week on 1800 80 45 91.

Age Action and the Irish Red Cross have raised funds to provide additional assistance to older and vulnerable people around Ireland who are experiencing hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic by making once-off grants, up to a maximum of €500, per person/household affected. Email: hardship2020@redcross.ie Phone: Irish Red Cross at 01 6424600 or Tel: (01) 475 6989 Lo Call: 1890 369369

Women's Aid 24hr Freephone National Helpline offers confidential information, support and understanding to women who are being

abused by current or former boyfriends, partners or husbands. Tel: 1800 341 900; Tel: +353 1 678 8858; Email: info@womensaid.ie

Men's Aid Ireland formerly known as Amen, is the only dedicated national service supporting men and their families experiencing Domestic Violence in Ireland. Tel: 01-5543811; Tel: 01-5394277; E-mail: hello@mensaid.ie

ISPCC Dublin Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is Ireland's national child protection charity. Call: 01 676 7960; Email: ispcc@ispcc.ie

The Samaritans Available round the clock, 24 hours a day, all year. If you need a response immediately, it's best to call on the phone. This number is FREE to call Tel: 116 123; Email: samaritans.org

Pieta House provides free therapy to those engaging in self-harm, with suicidal ideation, or bereaved by suicide. Freephone and no referral needed. Tel: 1800 247 247

Jigsaw Offering younger people going through a hard time, or for those worried about a young person in your life.

<https://www.jigsaw.ie/news-and-events/post/covid-19-what-were-doing>

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