

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

14TH JUNE 2020



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro/ Adamstown
June 14, 2020

We remember Anthony Kennedy, Joelice A Dos Santos



(in Brazil) whose funerals took place this week.

Annie Anderson, Catherine & John

Harrington, Richard & Elizabeth Kenny,

Dobbs Family, Sara Walsh, James (Jimmy) Graham, whose
anniversaries occur.

Kathleen Maxwell, Michael Reilly, Patrick Daly, Nora
Sheppard, Teresa Galvin who died recently.

Readings – Sun. 14th June – Corpus Christi

The first reading - 'Remember... Do not forget.' Remembering is a *Leitmotif* in the book of Deuteronomy; it is also at the heart of our liturgical celebrations: we remember what God has done for us, and we are strengthened to live as he calls us to live.

The second reading - One cup – one loaf – a single body of believers. The Eucharist is a means of, and a call to, communion in Christ.

The Gospel - John 6:51-58 - Arguments over the significance of the Eucharist began after Jesus' first homily on the Eucharist! *What does this mean? How can this be?* Jesus answers, not by splitting hairs or getting drawn into theological minutiae, but by re-affirming what the Eucharist is. This gift of gifts can never be entirely understood: it is to be gladly received in faith.

Biblical Reflection ~ Fr. John will be broadcasting a five minute biblical reflection Mon-Fri at 10am on the parish web site – www.st.patrickslucan.ie

ALONE - Corona Virus Helpline for Older

People - If you have concerns or queries about Covid-19 call ALONE's dedicated support line 0818 222 024 everyday 8am-8pm.

The Deep End • Apart, yet together - At the end of March this year, a host of Irish sports stars came together to urge people to 'unite by staying apart.' 'We're all in this together... Now it's time for us all to unite and rise to the occasion by keeping our distance and by staying at home,' they said in a video message. It seems like such a paradox: how can we be united when we are all so far apart? It is hard, when we are used to living in community, supporting others and being supported, to accept the idea that we can be apart, yet together.

It was a particular challenge for Christians across the globe, as the coronavirus outbreak saw Masses and church services cancelled and the faithful called upon to stay at home. Physically, we were separated from our church community, but thankfully most of us were able to tune in to live-streamed Masses on TV, radio or online, where we could unite with the church in prayer. For me, it brings to mind the experiences of all those who are unable to attend Mass for various reasons, perhaps because they are housebound or in hospital or living in a place where there is no priest available, but who are nonetheless united in communion with the Body of Christ.

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are 'apart, yet together.' In the Mass, we are united with the whole church across the world – those in the church building with us, as well as all those who are not. Today, the Feast of Corpus Christi, St Paul tells us: 'Though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all share in this one loaf.' In challenging times, we are united by Jesus, the living bread. (*Intercom Magazine - Triona Doherty - Email trionad@gmail.com*)