

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

NEWSLETTER

12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020



Welcome To  
St Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/ Adamstown  
July 12, 2020

Mass Intentions for coming week: We pray for Molly & Elizabeth



Cully, Eithne McGarrell, May & Tim O'Mahony,  
Jenny Hogan, Tom Weldon and Helen Doran whose  
anniversaries occur. We pray for Mr Maguire who died  
recently.

Tues. 10am: Marie & Sarah Brennan (RIP); Fri. 10am: Jim McCarthy (RIP); Joe  
Canning (RIP);

## Readings ~ Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> July

**The first reading** - God's word is never lacking, never ineffective; the variable  
is our response. Human freedom is the only reality that can hamper God's  
word, but even then, the word is not outdone.

**The second reading** - Paul mentions two types of suffering in this short  
reading: the sufferings that are an unavoidable part of normal life, and the  
'groaning,' the restlessness and dissatisfaction that are the lot of the believer  
who knows that his or her heart will be restless until it rests in God.

**The Gospel - Matthew 13:1-23** - The parable of the sower is the first full  
parable in Matthew's Gospel (and in Mk and Lk). It is the key to  
understanding all the other parables. Every parable is intended to elicit a  
response to God's word; in every instance, Christ the sower sows his word in  
the heart of the listener, who must choose whether or not to bear a harvest.

**Pope's Intention for July** - We pray that today's families may be  
accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

## 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.

## DCU - BA in Theology and Religious Studies -

**Scholarships Available** - Interested in studying theology, but need a flexible programme to suit your needs? The DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies is just for you. This part-time, flexible programme is aimed at mature students, with lectures on Thursday evenings and a handful of Saturdays throughout the year. For 2020/21, the programme will feature blended learning, with online and in-person learning opportunities. Scholarships are available for new incoming students. More info at [www.dcu.ie/dc300](http://www.dcu.ie/dc300), or contact Brad Anderson ([brad.anderson@dcu.ie](mailto:brad.anderson@dcu.ie)).

## Marriage Preparation Courses - **ACCORD Dublin** continues

to provide marriage preparation courses for couples in the diocese. Despite having had to cancel 26 courses between March and July, we were able to reschedule the majority of our couples, and for those whose weddings are going ahead during this period, we are delivering individual courses via Zoom. Our team of experienced facilitators is being assisted by 3 priests and a deacon. The feedback from these courses has been overwhelmingly positive. We can reassure you that any coupled referred to us will be taken care of to our usual high standard. For further information please contact: [ljchambers@accorddublin.ie](mailto:ljchambers@accorddublin.ie)

## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel -

**1** - Jesus uses parables to make people think about their own responses to his message. As you read this parable you may recognise that at different times you have been like each of the different types of soil. As you recall

times when you presented fertile soil for the word of God, what helped you create that receptive atmosphere? What lessons for life do you get from that?

**2** - Parents with children, teachers with pupils, speakers with listeners, are all like sowers in a field where the preparation of the soil is up to another – the child, pupil or listener. They can sow the seed but cannot guarantee that it will bear fruit. At times there may be a temptation not to try any more. The challenge is to sow in hope. When have you been surprised by the harvest you have reaped?

**3** - 'We are wasting our time here' may sometimes be the apparent wisdom in a group. Have there been times when you have gone against this apparent wisdom and seen your efforts bear fruit? *(John Byrne OSA Email jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)*