

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

NEWSLETTER

26TH JULY 2020



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/ Adamstown
July 26, 2020

We remember: Siobhan Dignam who died recently,



Margaret & Peter Hughes, Kathleen Curtis,
Betty Barr, Peggy Morris, Rose Donnelly,
Emily & Patrick Curran whose anniversaries

occur.

Mon. 10am: Anthony Kennedy (RIP); Marie King Intentions; Tues. 10am: Geraldine Garvey (RIP); George Rescowski (RIP); Wed. 10am: Marie King Intentions; Fergus Kenny Intentions; Thurs. 10am: Arthur & Norma Smith Intentions; Michelle Behan Intentions; Fri. 10am: Irene Bergin (RIP); Peter Kearns (RIP); Peter Doyle (A); Sat. 10am: Mary McDermott (RIP).

The Priests of the Parish will offer Mass privately on days the Church not open.

Readings – Sun. 26th July – *The first reading* - In the original Hebrew text of this reading, King Solomon asks God for the gift of a listening heart. Thereafter, Solomon was noted for his great wisdom, but his initial request was itself a wise one.

The second reading - All things work together for the good of those who love God. In this short statement from the letter to the Romans, Paul teaches us about God's providence, his ability to foresee and bless all our circumstances. Our task is not to understand how God is doing this, but to trust that it is happening.

The Gospel - Matthew 13:44-52 The people in the first two parables sell all they own to obtain a treasure they have found. The third parable cautions us against expecting perfection, even as we receive God's gifts.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

1. Have you ever found yourself saying 'that was worth it' after giving up something (time, pleasure, money, etc.)? What was the treasure that made the sacrifice worthwhile?
2. The 'kingdom of heaven' is when God is really the ruler in our life. What treasures have you obtained when you allow God to be at the centre of your life?
3. In life, we gather a lot of things, some good and some bad. The wise person in the kingdom of heaven is one who knows how to sit down and make decisions on what to keep and what to discard. When have you undertaken that kind of discernment? What have you discarded? What have you retained? (*Intercom Magazine - John Byrne OSA Email jpbyrneosa@gmail.com*)

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

A Prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola, 31 July

O Christ Jesus, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness,
give us the sense of Your presence,
Your love, and Your strength.
Help us to have perfect trust in
Your protecting love and strengthening power,
so that nothing may frighten or worry us,
for, living close to You,

we shall see Your hand,
Your purpose, Your will through all things.

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 -

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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: lchambers@accordublin.ie