

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

NEWSLETTER

5TH JULY 2020



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/ Adamstown
July 5, 2020



Mass Intentions: We remember Peter Kearns who died recently. Beatrice Fox, Monica Jacob, Lavina & Jimmy Buggle, Nicola Behan, William & Annie Anderson, Roy & Patricia Goff, Emmanuella Subuola DaCosta whose anniversaries occur.

Tues 10 am: Beatrice Fox (A); Thomas K Joseph (A);
Friday 10 am: Patrick Daly (RIP); Teresa Galvin (RIP);

Readings – Sun. 5th July

The first reading - This prophetic text is applied to Jesus, at his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The paradox of God's ways is evident: the king who comes is victorious yet humble; riding on a donkey yet banishing chariots.

The second reading - In Paul's terminology, 'misdeeds of the body' refers not only to 'sins of the flesh,' but to every action and attitude that ignores, or is at odds with, the reality of God.

The Gospel - Matthew 11:25-30 - Jesus is not opposed to learning and cleverness. He wants his followers to use all their abilities in the service of his kingdom. But leaning and cleverness alone will not avail, without the attitude of childlike humility which looks to God in all circumstances and for everything.

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, or contact Brad Anderson (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

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30 - 1. For Jesus, the key to a personal knowledge of God and relationship with God is not primarily through academic study but through a mind and heart open to learn. Recall moments when you had a sense that your relationship with God took a significant step forward. What kind of dispositions prepared you for that growth?

2. Jesus lived in a society in which people were very conscious of status, dignity and external appearances. He wanted to break down the barriers this created, so that all

would be aware of their worth and dignity. Perhaps you can recall someone who was not highly thought of in human terms, but who was a light to you.

3. In v. 27, Jesus lets us into the secret of his relationship with his Father, one of total trust. This trust freed him from anxiety and worry about himself. As a result, he was a person of gentle and humble heart and was able to bring rest to those who were overburdened. Recall people whose trust in God enabled them to be supportive to others who were stressed or burdened. Perhaps you have experienced this yourself?

4. Recall and give thanks for people who, like Jesus in the story, were able to combine challenge with sympathetic support and understanding. Perhaps you have been able to do this for others at times also.