

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

11TH OCTOBER 2020



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro/ Adamstown
October 11, 2020

Mass Intentions: We remember Agnes Dignam & Sean



Kinsella whose funerals took place this week.

Mary Margaret McDonnell (m.m.). Michael

Cartwright, Patrick Byrne, Bridie Monaghan,

Philip McManus, Bernadette Napier, Tom Mullally, Annie &

Thomas Cawley whose anniversaries occur.

Readings ~ Sun 11th October

The first reading - *Is. 25:6-10* - We have a loving God who wipes away our tears and takes away our shame. Today in our community, may we exult and rejoice.

The second reading - *Phil 4:12-14, 19-20* - God fulfils all our needs. Today's reading uses the word 'lavish' to show God's abundance, which is the source of our strength.

The Gospel - *Mt. 22:1-14* - We are ALL invited to the table of God's banquet. It is open to everyone. How will you respond to this generous invitation?

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

Pope's Intentions for October ~ *Evangelisation*: we pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church. (*Intercom magazine*)

Our Lady of the Rosary (Luke 11:1-4) - 7th

October - The Rosary developed a parallel with the Monastic Office with the 150 psalms mirroring the 150 Hail Marys of the Rosary cycle. The cycle outlines the history of salvation from the announcement of Christ's birth to Mary's coronation in heaven. Many religions use beads to quiet the mind. The repetition of prayers and the handling of the beads create a space to allowing the Spirit to whisper to our hearts the wonder and mystery of God's love for us.

October invites us to recover a renewed appreciation of the rosary as a contemplative and Christ-centred prayer. In this Mission Month we pray especially for all missionaries, peace keeping soldiers, development workers and NGO's who are serving overseas.

Caryll Houselander (1901-1954) wrote some beautiful prayers on the rosary while she was lying flat on her back as London was being bombed in World War II. Here is an excerpt of her prayers:

The Finding in the Temple
Through Mary seeking her lost Son,
May we give grace
Always to seek for the Christ-child
And always to find him.
Let us find him in all children,
And in all who have a child's needs,
The helpless, the sick, the simple, the aged;
In all who serve and are trusting and poor;
In all who are lonely and homeless.
Let us too become as little children,
To find the Divine Child in our own hearts.

(Maisie Ward, Splendour of the Rosary)