

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

29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020



Welcome To  
St Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro/ Adamstown  
November 29, 2020

**Remember:** John Keenan (m.m.), Jennie Morris, Albert (Nobby) Clarke,



Alice Conroy, Paddy Thompson, James & Mary Fox,  
Barney & Anne Jarvis, Stephen Darby, Kathleen Timmins,  
Peggy & Tim Morris, Morris & Noone Families whose  
anniversaries occur.

**Mon 10am Holy Souls, Intentions of Tommy Fagan, Tues 10am: John O'Donovan (RIP); Wed: Kathleen Mongan (RIP); Thurs 10 am: Annie & Joe Byrne; Fri 10 am First Friday – Altar List of the Dead, Sat: Pat Cosgrove (RIP).**

**Readings – Sun 29<sup>th</sup> November – First Sunday of Advent**

***The first reading*** - *Is 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8* - We are the work of God the potter who creates us and cares for us like a loving Father.

***The second reading*** - *1 Cor 1:3-9* - We are enriched in so many ways because we are never without the gifts of God's Spirit.

***The Gospel*** – *Mark 13: 33-27* - There is a warning in the Gospel to 'be on your guard'. It is not a threatening warning to scare us! It is given to us out of love. We live in uncertain times. The Covid-19 pandemic is a stark reminder of the reality of the uncertain times that recently engulfed our fragile world and that affect us all now.

**Advent** – Wednesday at 10.30 am

9th December - Advent Reconciliation Service

16th December Advent Prayer Service

23rd December - Advent Prayer Service

Will be online [www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)

**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](http://www.st.patrickslucan.ie)

## Diocesan Advent Services

Fr. Pat O'Donoghue will lead an Advent service will take place on Saturday 28 November 2020 at 5.00 p.m in the Monastery of Saint Alphonsus. The livestream of the service can be found at [www.Rednuns.com](http://www.Rednuns.com)

## Advent wreath making for children

Children are invited to create their own Advent wreath. Join online on Saturday 21st at 3.30pm. Every Saturday at 3.30pm during Advent (and Christmas morning at 8am).

We invite families to gather around the Advent wreath to pray together. Join Facebook @CCPCDublin. For further details contact Christina Malone 085 716 2152

I wait. I watch. I hope.

If you are looking for something different this advent, why not join a WhatsApp group to receive an Advent reflection every day. For further details and if you like to join contact Christina Malone 085 716 2152

Living Advent Calendar 2020

We are asking parishioners to tell the Christmas story in 25 days. This will be shared on Facebook every morning at 8am from the 1st of December @CCPCDublin. If you like to be involved contact Christina Malone 085 716 2152 or email [christina.malone@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:christina.malone@dublindiocese.ie)

## Walking Advent with the Scriptures - Journeying Together through Advent

Each week download and share the Daily Scripture Calendar with the scripture reference and a short thought, focus for each day. It will include a short video input for each day from representatives of the different Christian Denominations from around Ireland. You can download all the resources for week 1 from - Walking Advent with the Scriptures - Wk1 Resources

Something Different for Advent

Advent is on the horizon and I know this is, and is going to be a busy and uncertain time for so many – so we are just encouraging you to make sure to make a little space to look after yourself. Here is a little gift for you to help you to take a bit of time this Advent - Share it with all the other Busy people you know – Take from it what you need. You can download and print this free resource from - <http://www.clondalkinparish.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Advent-A-busy-persons-retreat-SDFA-2020.pdf>?Advent in Gardiner Street Parish

Cinema evening with Fr Jake Martin SJ. Please watch the film in advance of the zoom meeting. Films are available on YouTube. Please see the attached poster for the full list of times, dates and film titles. Email [SFXgardinerstreet@outlook.com](mailto:SFXgardinerstreet@outlook.com) at any time to get a link to the discussion via zoom.

### Our Lady of Victories Online Advent Retreat

Our Lady of Victories will hold an online Advent retreat. Facilitated by Fr Paddy Sweeney

Thursdays the 3rd/10th/17th December at 7.30 pm. To join the retreat please visit [Our Lady of Victories Church - Glasnevin, Dublin \(olv.ie\)](http://OurLadyofVictoriesChurch-Glasnevin,Dublin(olv.ie))

### Mini Advent Retreat on Zoom

For three sessions, during Advent, you are invited to take part in a mini-retreat that will explore the themes of Faith, Hope and Love. Fr Billy Swan will lead the retreat; St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy and will take place from Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3 December beginning at 8pm. To take part, all you need to do is send an email to [thehookoffaith@gmail.com](mailto:thehookoffaith@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link. Come and join us to prepare for Christmas.

### Priory Retreat: Reflecting on the Gospels of Advent

We are taking registrations now for our Advent Retreat. It is a series of filmed reflections on the Sunday gospel readings of Advent. We are subsidising the production costs to encourage participation, the cost of the retreat is €40 and registration closes on Friday week, November 27. Maybe it is a sign of the times but it seems people are interested in looking at the 'big' questions especially coming up to this very unusual Christmas. For more information, please visit: <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2020-advent-retreat>

## Advent News Too Good to Keep

'Advent News Too Good to Keep' Written by Gerard Gallagher (Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism) is a thought-provoking selection of scripture readings and reflections designed to accompany the reader through the season of Advent. This accessible and practical guide, which also includes inspirational quotations and questions to prompt the reader to effect change in their day-to-day lives, is the perfect companion for this essential period in the Church calendar. Ideal for a personal retreat this Advent. To purchase a copy - <https://www.veritasbooksonline.com/advent-news-too-good-to-keep-9781847309792-46126/>

## Walk of Light 2020

For 14 years the "Walk of Light" under the umbrella of the Dublin Council of Churches has been a feature of ecumenical spirit in Dublin. Participants would gather at a city centre church for opening worship and then walk on to a second and a third station where they would be welcomed by the local worship team and community. Along the way there was a chance to get to know one another, at the stations, a chance to listen to the Word and pray. 2020 is different. But walkers from different churches have been out and churches have prepared ecumenical worship. The video will be released on Saturday 28th November on the Dublin Diocesan Website. [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie)

## Irish Catholic Bishops Online Advent Calendar 2020

Archbishop Eamon Martin has today launched the 2020 online Advent Calendar, which will go live on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie) on the first Sunday of Advent, 29 November next. Now in its seventh year, the unique online Advent Calendar offers

resources for the parish, school and for families which can be accessed behind a virtual door each day during the season of Advent. The content is aimed at assisting people of all ages to pray and reflect on how best we can keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations during this special liturgical season. To add this year's Advent Calendar to your website or social media pages please use the following link: [www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar). You can also follow updates on a special Advent Facebook page [Advent 2020] and on Twitter and Instagram using the hashtags #SharingHope and #LivingAdvent

## The Deep End – Finding our Feet

– It can be very hard to live with uncertainty. Back at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, a counsellor was interviewed on radio about how people were coping with the 'lockdown'. People were anxious and fearful, she said. Many were experiencing loneliness, as their normal routines and social life came to an abrupt halt.

Another thing that people really struggled with was the inability to make decisions. They felt trapped and stuck, unable to plan ahead. They couldn't make plans to visit family or go on holidays. They didn't know if their jobs were secure, or if their children would return to school. When things are up in the air, it is hard to find your feet and feel grounded. Many of us are still struggling with these feelings.

Today we enter a new church year, and our first Advent season since the pandemic hit. Many of us are feeling more subdued than normal as we begin our preparations for Christmas. It will be very different from the usual family and social occasion, and we are saddened and worried by this.

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges his disciples to 'stay awake'. We might feel we have no choice at the moment – the feeling of not knowing what is coming is very familiar. We are on our guard, on edge, waiting for the latest news. Yet already, there are initiatives springing up to support those who are vulnerable or in need this Christmas. In our families, we are plotting ways to ensure no one is alone or isolated. We are 'awake' to the strange circumstances, and we are finding ways to cope. We pray today for the strength to guide us through

the coming weeks, and for the peace and joy of Christ to live our hearts and carry us onwards. (*Jane Mellett, [mellett@gmail.com](mailto:mellett@gmail.com)*) *Intercom Magazine*

*'In this time of tribulation and mourning I hope that you will be able to experience Jesus, who comes to meet you, greets you and says Rejoice'. (Pope Francis)*