


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

6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020



Welcome To  
St Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/ Adamstown  
December 6, 2020

We pray for Mary Conlon & Stephen Kedly (m.m.), Marie  
 Weldon who died recently, Bernard Fallon,  
Elizabeth, James & Michael English, Jack &  
Anne Doyle, Pat Hynes, John King, Connie  
Keogh, Michael May, Byrne, Murphy & McGuinness  
Families whose anniversaries occur.

**Mon. 10am:** Patsy Cummins (RIP); Michael Gilmartin (RIP); Bernadette  
Dempsey Birthday Intentions; **Mon Vigil:** Michael Healy (RIP); **Tues. 10am:**  
Eilish O'Sullivan (A); Maureen Egan Intentions; **Wed. 10am:** Mary Ryan  
(RIP); **Thurs. 10am:** Peter, Mary & PJ Cunningham (A); **Fri. 10am:** Mary  
Conlon (RIP); Deirdre Garde (RIP) **Sat. 10am:** John Keenan (RIP).

Readings – Sun 6<sup>th</sup> December – Second Sunday of Advent

**The first reading** - Isaiah offers us an image of God as a Shepherd who searches, carries us and consoles us. Isaiah says: *Here is you God.*

**The second reading** - We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth. The Day of the Lord will surprise us

**The Gospel** – St. Mark's Gospel invites us into our own wilderness to recognise the voice of the Holy Spirit.

**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)

All masses are now streamed live on the Parish Utube channel and 50 people can attend during level 3 measures. The 10.30 am Sunday Family Mass will continue to be only live streamed.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Monday Vigil 7pm and Tuesday 10 am.

Airports are going to be quite different this Christmas. I am sure, like me, your heart is always warmed watching the TV news of people disembarking at airports in the days before Christmas, waiting for loved ones to arrive from a flight. They are excited, eager for the first appearance of a familiar face, ready with the broad smile of greeting to embrace the returning traveller. This year there will not be too many expectant faces or warm embraces.

Advent is waiting for the birth of Jesus, but we are waiting each year for someone who is already here. However, we are not static people, we are dynamic by nature, always changing, forever new. Into the various stages of our lives we need God our saviour. Our world needs the child of peace to be born in our wars, in our confrontations and in our aggression.

We too wait for the Lord's coming with eagerness because we long for his presence. A central theme of Advent is hope; not hope "*that*" but hope "*in*". It is not a hope *that* our desires will be fulfilled but a hope *in* Jesus who is the foundation of all hope. His birth on Christmas morn' is not only the fulfilment of all our dreams but the fulfilment of salvation history.

Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus.

We would like to invite you to deepen your own prayer life during this wonderful season of Advent by

participating, if you can, on our website on Wednesday 10.30 am

Wednesday 9th Dec: Advent Service of Reconciliation

Wednesday 16th Dec Advent Prayer Service

Wednesday 23rd Dec Advent Prayer Service

Services will remain online to be viewed at your convenience ([www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie))

## Advent Examination of Conscience

- Reflect on ways you many turned away from loving God, our neighbours and the earth:
- How do my actions show my compassion for all those who are trapped in grinding poverty?
- Do I cherish and protect creation, remembering that God is the creator of all?
- Advent calls us to change our lives: how will you 'prepare a way for the Lord' in your life?