

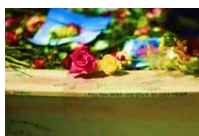
WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S ESKER/DODSBORO/ADAMSTOWN
NEWSLETTER

21ST MARCH 2021



Welcome To
St Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/ Adamstown
March 21, 2021

We remember: Carmel Flanagan (m.m.); Graham Connick and Delia



Tobin who died this week; Kathleen & Mary Byrne,
Colette Ryan whose anniversaries occur

Mon. 10am: Moira & Thomas Comerford; Tues. 10am:
Therese McHale (RIP) John Fitzgerald (RIP); Wed. 10am:
Aidan Buggle (RIP); Thurs. 10am: Michael Fallon (RIP); Brendan Heaney
(RIP); Fri. 10am: Macdara Connolly (RIP); Sat. 10am: Josephine Tighe (RIP).

Readings ~ Sun. 21st March ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

The first reading - *'Learn to know the Lord'* is a good aim for the last week of Lent. We have a God who *'writes love on our hearts'* and who *'never calls our sins to mind'*.

The second reading - Our wordless prayers of *'loud and silent tears'* are counted by God.

The Gospel – We are given the seed of eternal life that is richly harvested in God's 'hour that has come' as all people are drawn to his presence. (See *Catechism of the Catholic Church* – CCC 540, 542, 2853).

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

Palmerstown Camera Club invites all adults, who are interested in photography, to our monthly Wednesday night meetings. We currently meet by Zoom from 8pm until 9.30pm. To visit, free of charge, for one or two meetings, and to see how you can benefit please contact secpcc@mail.com. See you on Wednesday nights.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

~ ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and .’8am – 8-m, by calling 0818 222 024. Calls to ALONE National Support Line cost no more than a local call to a landline. Calls from Vodafone or landline bundles, PAYG bundles, and mobile contracts are free.

Pope’s Intentions for the month of March ~

Evangelisation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth to taste the mercy of God.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel ~ John 12:20-30

1. The parable of the grain of wheat reminds us of a truth that any parent can testify to, namely that it is in dying to ourselves that we can give life to others. We will never be of benefit to others if we remain wrapped up in ourselves. In what ways has your dying to yourself brought life to another? How has the generous giving of another brought life to you?
2. Sometimes our emotions rebel at the thought of what lies ahead and we feel like praying *Father, save me from this hour*. Then a realisation may come for you as a parent, a teacher, a spouse, a friend: *No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour*. Recall times when you have accepted pain or hassle and been a source of life to others for doing so.
3. The story presents the death of Jesus as the moment of his glorification by God. We are also *glorified* when the grace of God enables us to give generously of ourselves. When have you experienced this in yourself or in another?

4. *This voice has come for your sake and not for mine.* The angel spoke that we might recognise the love being shown us by Jesus. Sometimes it requires the voice of another to draw our attention to love that is being offered to us. When was this your experience? (*Intercom Magazine – John Byrne OSA; email jpb Byrneosa@gmail.com*).