

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

**13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**



Welcome To  
St Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/ Adamstown  
June 13, 2021

Mass Intentions for coming week: Sat. 7pm: Alice Foley (A); Sun:



9am: Mass in Thanksgiving; 10.30 am: Annie & William Anderson (A); 12 noon: Mary & William Dobbs (A)  
Remember Patricia O'Byrne whose funeral took place this week, Richard Dowdall & Patrick Melody whose

anniversaries occur

Mon. 10am: Kathleen Curtis (A); Marie Duggan Intentions; Mark Kelly Intentions; Olivia Mallaghan Intentions; Tues. 10am: Denise Owens (RIP); Maureen Murtagh (RIP); Wed. 10am: James Price (RIP); Thurs. 10am: Teresa Killian (RIP); Mrs Carroll (RIP); Fri. 10am: Living & Deceased members of Gordon Family; Sat. 10am: Shay McCormack (RIP)

Readings ~ Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> June ~ The Eleventh  
Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Readings

**The First Reading:** The tree symbolises the presence, shelter, care and protection of God for us.

**The Second Reading:** Our lives reflect the presence of God's love to others.

**The Gospel** - God's kingdom is hidden and unseen like the seed planted the soil of our hearts. (See *Catechism of the Catholic Church* CCC 2653-2654, 2660 – the Kingdom grows by hearing the Word).

## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel –

**Mark 4:26-34** – If you sow seeds, or watch plants grow, you have ample opportunities to pause in wonder at the whole process of growth. It takes place imperceptibly and comes to fruition in beautiful flowers, majestic trees and abundant harvests. As we come out of the Coronavirus lockdown you may have had the opportunity to rejoice at the renewal of social life.

Jesus uses this as a parable about the growth of the Kingdom of God, the kingdom of right relationships with God and with one another. There too growth is slow, development is imperceptible and then without realising it you have a mature relationship. Recall the stages of such development in your life and give thanks.

In the second parable Jesus invites us to reflect on the importance and significance of relationships in our lives as they grow and mature. This is true both of our relationship with God and with others around us. When have you found a relationship in which you could ‘make a nest in its shade’? (*John Byrne OSA – email [jpb Byrneosa@gmail.com](mailto:jpb Byrneosa@gmail.com)*)

## The Mystery of God Summer Series

– This summer we invite all our friends to sign up for our WOF Summer Series. This video series looks into the rich tradition of Catholicism, using the insights of St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Pope Benedict XVI, to uncover a clear, yet sophisticated, understanding of what we mean by “God”.

Who is God? And why does he matter? Watch this series and you’ll not only learn the answers yourself, but you’ll discover how to share them with others – especially those who no longer believe.

The series runs from **26th May** through to **30th June**. We will also be offering optional virtual live workshops later in June to augment this series. This Summer Series is free. To join simply sign up on [www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)

## Exam Prayer -

Dear Lord, as I take these exams,  
I thank you that my life is enfolded in the embrace on

Your great love for me.

Help me with all the testing challenges of life

That will come my way.

Holy Spirit, guide me with the gifts of

Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding and right judgement.

Holy Mary, pray for us and all our young people.

May they know the touch of your loving caress.

## Pope's Intentions for the month of June ~ Evangelisation -

The beauty of marriage. Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.