

Douglas / Rochestown Parish

16th March 14



St Columba's
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Mass Times
Sat Vigil: 6pm
Sun: 9.30am, 11am & 12.15pm

St. Columba's, Douglas



St Patrick's,
Tel: 021 489 6797 (Office)
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Mass Times
Sun: 11am & 12.30pm

St. Patrick's, Rochestown

St. Columba

It is difficult to put together an account of Columba's life, since records for someone born in the sixth century are almost non-existent. However, tradition is a valuable source of information and it is fortunate that, in Columba's case, a huge volume of folklore has come down to us. The fact that he has been remembered so well in this way for centuries after his death must surely say a lot about the original character he was. While bearing in mind the need for caution about what legend tells us, people of faith and good intuition can fairly well judge how much they ought to believe.

Columba has been venerated as a saint by the Irish since the seventh century and revered as a man of holiness, learning and courage. Legend tells us that, before his birth, an angel told his mother, Eithne, that her son would lead souls without number to God. On the side of his father, Fedelmídh, he belonged to the Uí Néill clan, at that time the most powerful of all the clans of Ireland. His credentials, in worldly terms, were good and his prospects bright.

As a boy, Columba spent some years in fosterage, during which time he gained a reputation for wisdom and leadership. These qualities marked him out in the eyes of his people as a future king, but he had other ideas. At about 17 years he set out to become a student at some of the early Irish monasteries. At places such as Moville in County Down and Clonard in County Meath he studied theology and deepened his love and knowledge of the scriptures. It is thought that he also studied for some time under Saint Mobhí at Glasnevin. Legend has it that his student days came to a sudden end with the outbreak of a deadly plague at Glasnevin and the untimely death of Mobhí. He returned to his native Donegal at about 25 years, probably as an ordained priest, and there contemplated what his life's mission would be.

Finance The Offertory Collection last Sunday in St. Columba's came to **€3,388** and in St. Patrick's **€1,182**. The second collection in aid of the Bishops' Commission came to **€2,248** in St. Columba's and **€676** in St. Patrick's. Many Thanks for your generosity.

MASSES for ST. PATRICK'S DAY: (No vigil Mass)

St. Columba's:	9.30am	11.00am	12.15pm
St. Patrick's:	11.00am	12.30pm	

- No 7.30pm Mass on St. Patrick's Day

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Notices

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THINKING OF BECOMING A PRIEST? – PRIESTHOOD IN CORK & ROSS

An information day will take place on: **Sat. 5th April**, in Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork. Time: Between 10.30am & 4.00pm. To speak to someone in the strictest confidence, telephone: Fr. Tom Denihan 021 4301717 or canon Bertie O'Mahony 0214346940 or email: secretary@corkandross.org

"The Voice of Joy" Friar Alessandro & Guests
St. Francis Church. Liberty St.
Sat. 22 Mar. @ 7.30pm.
Family €20 Adults €7
OAP/Student €5 (Fund Raiser for Mission in Zimbabwe)

Computer Classes for Beginners

Keep up to date with technology. Transition Year students in Douglas Community School teach our older people on a one-to-one, it opens up a whole new world and allows them keep in touch with family and friends at home and abroad, classes free. Contact Phil Goodman 021-4363867.