

Douglas / Rochestown

4 January 2015



St Columba's
Tel: 021 489 4128 (Office)
Mobile: 087 2617143

Mass Times
Sat Vigil: 6pm
Sun: 9.30am, 11am & 12.15pm

Parish

St Patrick's,
Tel: 021 489 6797 (Office)
Mobile: 087 638 8655

Mass Times
Sun: 11am & 12.30pm



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, Tuesday 6th Jan. '15

Mass times

St. Columba's: Mon. Eve. 5th 6.00pm (Vigil)
Tues: 10.00am, 12.15 pm. & 7.30pm
St. Patrick's: 9.30am- one Mass only

Parish Offices Reopening Monday 5th January

Douglas Parish Details

Canon Teddy O'Sullivan PP 086 8168020
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Rochestown, Cork

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Urgent Calls: 087 261 7143

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 1:1-18

1 John opens his Gospel with a profound reflection on the meaning of creation, of life and of Jesus. Remember when you had a special awareness of the gift of life that filled you with gratitude to God for creation and the beauty and wonder of the world: 'All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being.'

2 We hear the gospel message frequently. Sometimes it goes in one ear and out the other. Then there are occasions when it made us feel more alive, times when it helped us see the way ahead, like a light that shines in the darkness. Recall when the gospel gave you hope in the midst of anxiety or sadness and helped you to see what action would be most life-giving for you and for others

3 Bring to mind people who have had a prophetic voice in the world – speaking the truth for the world to hear, like 'as a witness to testify to the light'. Some of these may have been public figures. Others were ordinary people who have helped you see the 'light' by the witness of their own lives and words.

4 'No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son of God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.' Jesus came to us to teach us about God and put a human face on God for us. For the people of his day, and for us, that was a mission of getting us to think again about how we see God and to believe in a God who is a God of love. Recall how the life and ministry of Jesus have changed your picture of God *Intercom.*

Notices

Christmas Leftovers

Is your house full of surplus gifts after Christmas? If so, you might like to donate some items suitable for mothers, which the Parish Assembly will collect in January and pass on to Edel House. There will be a basket by the crib in each church after Mass on Sundays 3rd & 10th January to facilitate this collection.

MUSINGS

The magi (wise men) have played a prominent role in the Christmas story since about the fifth century. Appearing only in the Gospel of Matthew, he doesn't tell us how many there were; the number three was later deduced from the reference to three gifts. Their later portrayal as kings riding camels was inspired by two passages in Isaiah - a reference to the nations which 'shall come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness' (Isa 60:3) and some lines further on, 'a multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah É they shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord' (Isa 60:6). *Intercom.*