

Douglas / Rochestown Parish

27 Dec. 2015



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

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



St. Columba's, Douglas

After Christmas Weekday Mass

St. Columba's:

Mon. 28 Dec.- Fri. 1st Jan'16: 11.00am

Mon 4th & Tues. 5th Jan: 10.00am

Sat. 2nd Jan. '16: No Morning Mass

St. Patrick's:

Mon. 28 Dec.- Sat. 2nd Jan.'16: 11.00am

Mon 4th & Tues. 5th Jan: 9.30am

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, Wednesday 6TH January 2016 Mass Times

St. Columba's: Tues. Eve. 5th: 6.00pm (Vigil)

Wed. 6th : 10.00am, 12.15 pm.

St. Patrick's: Wed 6th : 9.30am- one Mass only

Office Hours Christmas 2015 – St. Columba's & St. Patrick's

Closed from: Mon 21st Dec. to Mon. 4th Jan.

News Desk

St Patrick's Silver Jubilee

As part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations, we are inviting all those baptised in St. Patrick's church between 1991 and 2015 to be present at the 11am mass in St. Patrick's on Sunday January 10th 2016, for a special blessing on the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.

GO RAIBH MAITH AGAIBH. Many thanks to all for your tremendous generosity to the Christmas Collection for the support of the priests of the parish. Thank you also for your continuous generosity in the Christmas Dues. Fr. Teddy, Fr. Pat and Fr. Liam would like to thank you sincerely for your generosity, loyalty, encouragement and kindness during to 2015.

THANK YOU !

Well done to the numerous people and groups who helped organize all the Christmas ceremonies in both churches. The church choirs and enthusiastic congregations provided great music and singing. The altar societies ensured beautiful flowers and decorations were done. Thanks to those who erected and decorated the crib in both churches. All the Ministers of the Word and Eucharist were available to assist with large attendances. Our church volunteers ensure that our churches are clean and welcoming. The altar servers were great as always. The church collectors and dues collectors, do a great job. Both, Catherine (St. Columba's) and Breda (St. Patrick's) keep the offices and sacristies running smoothly. Thanks also to Tim & Eileen (St. Columba's), Michael and Bernard and all the volunteers (St. Patrick's) for their work throughout the year and to Kevin, printer. Special thanks to Parish Assembly members also.

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

It is a temptation, especially during the Christmas season, for us to romanticise. Today's feast is often an occasion in which the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary and Joseph) is held up as perfectly functioning, beautifully harmonious and a model to be imitated. And yet ... it is easy to overlook what must surely have been the real-life angst behind what we tend to dress in tinsel every Christmas: an unmarried mother betrothed to a man who is not the child's father; a bewildered Joseph who makes the decision to trust and to stay; a precarious prelude to the child's delivery and a subsequent flight to Egypt as refugees. (Intercom)

Notices

Seeing your Life Through the Lens of the Gospels Luke 2:41-52

1. Luke's skill as a storyteller comes through in the details of the story in a way that many people can identify with: the loss of a child, the frantic search, the seemingly offhand speech of the teenager. Let the drama of the story speak to you. Where do you find good news in it?

2. In the Gospel of Luke this story serves to give a glimpse of the future greatness of Jesus, the teacher of his people. Sometimes we can look back over our own life, or the lives of others, and with hindsight can see in childhood or teenage years a glimpse of gifts and talents that were later to blossom. Where have you seen this?

3. 'Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?' This seemingly insensitive reply by Jesus to Mary serves to highlight that in his life the mission given him by God would take precedence over family ties, painful though this would be. Perhaps you have known situations in your own life, or in the life of another, where there was pain for family members as you followed your own destiny? Where in the midst of the pain was the good news?

'God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it' (Pope Francis).