

Douglas / Rochestown Parish

3rd January 2016



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

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, Tuesday 6TH JANUARY '15

Mass Times

St. Columba's:

Mon. Eve. 5th:

6.00pm (Vigil). Tues. 6th : 10.00am, 12.15 pm.

St. Patrick's: Tues. 6th:

9.30am- one Mass only

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.

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

1. This prologue to the Gospel of John is a piece of poetry. Like all poetry one of the ways to enter into it is to read it a few times slowly and let the words and images speak to you.

2. The prologue proclaims Jesus as the true light come into the world. How has Jesus, and the message of Jesus, been a light for you in your life?

3. The prologue also affirms the transforming power of faith: 'to all who received him ... he gave power to become children of God'. How would you describe the difference it makes to you to have faith as part of your life?

4. In Jesus we get a glimpse of God and of the love of God. But as 'Jesus people' in the world today we also are called to be witnesses to the light. Who has been a witness to you? To whom have you been a witness?

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News Desk

Offices re-opening Monday 4th Jan '16

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.

Christian Meditation – St. Columba's

Each Monday evening at **6.30pm** sharp & on Wednesdays after 10.00am Mass, lasting for about half an hour in The Parish Centre. You will be most welcome. Come along and give it a try. Contact Rita O'Connell 021 4292404 or Parish Office 021 4894128.

Celebrating 25 years in St. Patrick's 1991-2016. Some dates to remember for the celebration of the upcoming Silver Jubilee of St. Patrick's church in 2016:

- St. Patrick's Day: Thursday 17th March
- Jubilee Concert: Sunday 17th April
- Corpus Christi: Sunday 26th May
- Jubilee Mass: Sunday 25th June
- Special Blessings: watch for dates.

We look forward to celebrating the 25th anniversary of St. Patrick's church. Please join us for our programme of celebrations. Your participation is central to creating a renewed sense of community in our church during this very special time. Thank you,

Douglas Rochestown Parish Assembly.

THE DEEP END • IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD...

There is a very deep teaching in today's reading, taken from the opening of the Gospel of John. There is so much depth here and much to reflect on. God is described as the Word and as Light. The Word is that divine energy, Creator of the universe, Being, God, Father and Mother of all things. John tells us that no one has ever seen God, but through Jesus, God has been made known. There are wonderful lines in the passage, written for all of us, to convey the message that God lives among us yet even though God created the world, the world still does not know him. God is involved in humanity; God is not somewhere out in the universe watching; God is involved with us. Today can you spend some time reflecting on the deep words of this passage? Perhaps reflect on where have you seen God in the world around you? Where is God present for you? Invite God more deeply into your life.

'Lord, humanity today wants to live independently of you, and even Christians speak as if you created the world and then left it to its own devices. We thank you for the teaching of St John reminding us that all things come to be only because you speak a Word, and that every single thing that exists today has its being because that Word continues to be spoken in it, and the only way that anything which has come to be has life today is because your Word lives within it.' Michel de Verteuil

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