

Douglas / Rochestown Parish

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

Mass Times
Sun: 11am & 12.30pm



St. Columba's, Douglas

St. Patrick's, Rochestown

WEDDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following who were married recently: **Cliona Sargent**, Togher, & **John Hobbs**, Waterfall. We wish them a long a happy life together.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following:

John Currivan, Maryborough, dearly loved husband of Anne and loving father of George, Philip, Barbara, Kevin and Laurie. **Robert Spillane**, Beloved husband of Breda and loving father of Anthony, Jacinta, Sinéad and Jason.

May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

SYMPATHY

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News Desk

Finance

The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€3418**. St. Patrick's **€1810**. Many thanks for your generosity.

Second Collection at all Masses next weekend in aid of the Diocese

This collection financially supports the diocesan office and diocesan initiatives, among which is child protection training for representatives of each parish, support and advice to the diocesan primary schools, of which there are over one hundred and eighty, and pastoral development initiatives.

Carols for Cope

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped & attended. A sum of **€3200** was raised!
May thanks from Eavan & The Lucy Family

THE DEEP END • WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

During this past year we have watched, in almost disbelief, as hundreds of thousands of people flee their homes in Syria and other parts of the world. The image of three year old Aylan Kurdi, washed up on a beach last August as his family attempted to reach safety, caused complete outrage around the world. For a while we reacted and acted and called for an immediate response from our governments. Not since WWII have so many people been forced from their homes. So much can be said today about this crisis and we must continue to ask ourselves: how can we respond?

We must always be ready to welcome the refugee and migrant. Our faith is one of hospitality, compassion and mercy. In the Gospel today, Mary urges the disciples to 'do whatever He tells you' and we see Jesus perform a sign that shows he has come for the transformation of that which causes barriers to God's Kingdom. The refugee crisis may challenge us but as people of the Gospel of Mercy, we must respond:

'Mercy nourishes and strengthens solidarity towards others as a necessary response to God's gracious love... Each of us is responsible for his or her neighbour: we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live. Concern for fostering good relationships with others and the ability to overcome prejudice and fear are essential ingredients for promoting the culture of encounter, in which we are not only prepared to give, but also to receive from others. Hospitality, in fact, grows from both giving and receiving.' Pope Francis **INTERCOM**

Notices

NAOMI PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES

For information on: courses in Cork City. Established and very popular pre-marriage course. One full day on Saturday 10 am – 5 pm. Cost: €130 per couple. dates available for Spring:

Saturday 6 February. Saturday

12 March. 'sign up today'

Also counselling to achieve/postpone a pregnancy and couples counselling. Contact: NAOMI, 119 Patrick Street, Cork Tel: 021-4272213

email: Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30 am – 1 pm

David Quinn of Iona

Institute and Margaret Hickey of **Family & Life** will speak at a Pro Life talk in defence of the 8th Amendment chaired by Paddy Manning at the Silver Springs Hotel, Cork on Tuesday January 19th at 7:30pm in the Regency suite 2. All welcome!"

Poor Clare Monastery -

"Come and See" Vocations Afternoon 2.00 – 4.30 p.m. Sat. 6th Feb. For women discerning a religious vocation, Poor Clare Monastery, College Rd. Cork. Check out: www.poorclarescork.ie email: vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com

'**Childminder required** for 4 afternoons a week to mind 11 and 13yr old in own home in Shanbally to do lunches, homework and take to activities. Please call Val on 0878256991.'