

Douglas / Rochestown Parish

7 Feb. 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

BAPTISMS

Christopher Joseph Hayes, son of Sinead & Cormac, Riverway, Sth. Douglas Road.
Anna Margaret Fleming, daughter of Suzanne & Shane, Sutton, Dublin.
Isaac Michael Hurley, son of Sarah & Michael, Rhodaville, Sth. Douglas Road.
Freya Tess Hurley, daughter of Sarah & Michael, Rhodaville, Sth. Douglas Road.
Marcus Kieran Hurley, son of Sarah & Michael, Rhodaville, Sth. Douglas Road

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following:

Noelle Flynn, Well Road, dearly loved sister of the late Declan. Sadly missed by her sister-in-law, Helen, nieces and nephews.

Vincent Ryan, beloved brother of Kathleen, Dermot, Marie and Anthony, May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

News Desk

Finance

The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€3258**. St. Patrick's: **€1268**. Many thanks for your generosity.

2nd Collection – next weekend -Lourdes Invalid Fund

Wednesday 10th Feb. - Ash Wednesday

A day of Fast and Abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed after the Masses.

Masses Ash Wednesday: 7.20 am, 10.00am and 7.30pm. St. Patrick's 9.30 am

Mass for the weekdays of Lent in St. Columba's: 10.00am only – no 7.20am or 7.30pm

Mass. St. Patrick's 9.30 am.

TROCAIRE BOXES are available in the Church this week-end.

NB. 7.30AM MASS IN BALLINLOUGH CHURCH & 6PM MASS IN TURNERS CROSS CHURCH – MON – FRI FOR LENT

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The Meaning of Lent

The English word 'Lent' comes from the Anglo-Saxon word Lencten, meaning 'Spring'. In other languages the word comes from the Latin, Quadragesima – a period of 40 days. In the Christian tradition the forty days is understood to refer to a time of intense prayer and preparation; we remember the biblical stories of Noah and the flood of 40 days, the forty years the Israelites spent wandering in the wilderness and Christ's forty day fast in the desert in preparation for his earthly ministry.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

In his message for Lent 2016, which begins on 10 February, Pope Francis has asked us to live Lent more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy. He said: "God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbour and to devote ourselves to what the Church's tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These works remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbours in body and spirit: by feeding, visiting, comforting and instructing them."

Notices

Douglas Heat of the Over 60's Talent Competition
Mon 22 Feb at 8.30pm in Douglas GAA Hall. If you would like to represent your community and win the Luke Philpott Perpetual Trophy, contact Phil Goodman on 087 2987161.

Cork Flower Club - Next meeting 16th Feb. at Canon Packham Hall, Douglas, with Sandra Jackson from Conna, demonstrating at 8pm. Delighted to welcome visitors! **€5**, including a cuppa afterwards. Always a most entertaining evening!

The Matt Talbot Mass and Novena for 2016, for all those who suffer because of living with addiction, will begin on Fri 12th Feb. at 7.30p.m. in the Way of the Cross Church, Togher, with Fr. Michael O'Leary S.M.A., P.P., Willton parish, celebrant and preacher. Blessing with the Relic of Venerable Matt Talbot on opening night. Further details on local posters or on www.facebook.com/corkpioneers

Pioneer Lenten Challenge!
Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting and joining online www.pioneerassociation.ie or by contacting your local Pioneer centre. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life!