



# Parish of Douglas and Rochestown

## NEWSLETTER

Silver Jubilee of St Patrick's Church  
26 June 2016



### Silver Jubilee of St Patrick's Church, Rochestown.

Almost twenty five years ago to the day, on Saturday 29 June 1991, and in the presence of 800 parishioners and guests, St Patrick's Church, Rochestown was solemnly dedicated by the late Bishop Michael Murphy. Eastward growth was such by the late 1980s that St Columba's became insufficient to meet the needs of the parish, so the diocese bought a seven-acre site from Cork County Council for the sum of £120,000. In its coverage of the opening, the *Cork Examiner* accurately described the site of the new church as "idyllic" and "perfect haven for contemplation and prayer".

Designed by Mr Jim Barry of Kelly Barry Architects and constructed by Mr Jerry O'Driscoll & Co., contractors, St Patrick's was built for the sum of £950,000, over half of which was already collected by the time of the church's consecration. The architect had as his object the universal church brief that the quality of design must be worthy of the House of the People of God and that it should be simple and dignified with a character appropriate to its function. Jim Barry described his design as "necessarily different and unique... although traditional in principle" and suitable for the modern liturgy by giving pre-eminence to the sanctuary. Newspaper coverage at the time also commented on the church's sloping floor, unique lighting system and altar furniture hand-carved from English oak by Ben Russell of Bantry.

St Patrick's remains one of the newest and most unique churches in the Diocese of Cork and Ross and has been a beloved part of our community now for a generation. We pray that this church will continue to serve the People of God in our Parish for generations yet to come.

#### BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:  
**Amelia Joy Kinirons**, daughter of Sarah & Michael, Rochestown Road.

#### News Desk

##### Finance

**The Offertory Collection last Sunday:** St. Columba's: **€3043** . St. Patrick's: **€1056**. Many thanks for your generosity. **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend- Peters Pence.**

##### FIRST FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> July '16

St. Columba's: St. Padre Pio Prayers before 10.00am Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10.00am Mass in Parish Centre – All welcome.

##### Visitation of the Sick

The priests of the parish are happy to visit the sick and housebound on the First Friday of every month. If you know of anybody who would like a visit, please pass on the word to one of the priests.

**First Friday Vigil of Reparation & Adoration** - St. Columba's Parish Centre 8pm – 12 midnight

##### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 – CORK EVENT

The Diocese of Cork and Ross Pastoral Development Office is hosting an evening Vigil and Mass on Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> July from 8pm to Midnight to coincide with the World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland with Pope Francis. The evening will include music, inspiring talks, prayer, food, confession, adoration, discussion groups and live links to Krakow throughout the evening. The event will conclude with Concelebrated Mass at 11pm. This will all take place in **Saint Columba's Church and Parish Centre, Douglas**. It is open to young adults 18-40 and young people 16-18 accompanied by parish group leaders. A contribution of €10 per participant is asked and registration is essential – details and registration forms available from the Pastoral Development Office telephone 021 4537601.

#### Notices

**Blood Donor Clinic** – GAA Hall, Carrigaline – **Tues 28<sup>th</sup> & Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June – 5pm -8.30pm.** [givblood.ie](http://givblood.ie) you get more than you give. LowCall 1850 731 137.

**Saint Vincent De Paul - June 2016 Collection**  
St. Columba's: €2345. St. Patrick's: €1281. Our next church gate collection: **Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> July.** We would like to thank everybody most sincerely for your continuous support and generosity,

**Cork Youth Orchestra— Reflections of Ireland**  
**City Hall, Cork, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 8pm.** Conductor: Tomás McCarthy, Leaders: Sean Desmond & Seamus Hickey, Soloist: Flaithrí Neff (Uileann Pipes), Compere: Elmarie Mawe. Tickets from €20: The Everyman, Pro-Musica & J.J. O'Driscoll Supermarket, Ballinlough. On-linebookings: [www.everymancork.com](http://www.everymancork.com) 021 4501673 (Phone & Internettransactitons subject to booking fee).

**The Cork Association for Autism Golf Classic, Thurs. June 23<sup>rd</sup>** at Mahon Golf Club. The charity, who provide a range of support services to over 300 adults with autism, are looking for golf lovers of all levels to enter a team. A team of three: €150 with a three ball better ball format. If you would like to enter a team or sponsor a tee box call Fundraising Office on 021 453 3642 (Ext 5).