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Mass Times
Sat Vigil: 6pm
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St. Patrick's, Rochestown

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:
Lily Katherine Desmond, daughter of Ashling & James, The Oaks, Maryborough Ridge.
Sienna Olivia Murphy, daughter of Danielle & Killian, Manchester, UK
Maximilian Patrick Crowley, son of Lisa & Patrick, Well Road, Douglas.
Isabelle Martina Rose Conway, daughter of William & Jacquelin, Carmen Lawn, Upper Belmont.

DEATHS

The death took place of: **Mary Carrol**, Clifton, Grange. Sadly missed by her loving husband Eamonn, sons Brian and Kenneth, daughters, Linda and Maria. May she rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sí

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to **Claire Kiniry**, Rochestown Rise on the death of her sister **Eileen Kavanagh**, Dublin

WEDDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following who were married recently: **Louise O'Regan**, Shamrock Lawn & **Ray Keating**, Ballinlough. We wish them a long and happy life together.

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Finance

The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€2807**. St. Patrick's: **€990**. Many thanks for your generosity.

Congratulations to Dan & Mary Creedon, Douglas Road, who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary recently.

Meals on Wheels – Church Gate Collection next weekend 31st July in St. Patrick's, Rochestown.

CORK WORLD YOUTH DAY VIGIL AND MASS – 30TH JULY

The Pastoral Development Office regrets to announce that this event will not be going ahead due to insufficient numbers registered. Fr Charlie Kiely 021 4537603.

The Deep End • The Open Door

How do you pray? Is there a right or a wrong way of doing it? Should we pray lying in bed or kneeling at the altar, alone or in company, in the church or out in nature, in stillness and silence or with tambourines and songs of praise?

The first disciples weren't quite sure how to go about things, and today we see them approach Jesus to ask him 'Lord, teach us to pray'. In response, he gave them the words of what we now know as the 'Our Father'. But he had some more advice for the disciples too – keep praying! If you were to call on a friend for help in the middle of the night, Jesus says, your persistence alone would convince him to help. If a child asks for food, his parents will naturally grant him what he asks for. The message is clear – we just have to keep asking.

Jesus often withdrew to quiet places to spend time alone in prayer, and we know from the Passion accounts that he cried out to God in moments of anguish and desperation. There are many different ways to pray. It matters less where and how we choose to pray, than the fact that we choose to pray at all. If we keep asking, if we keep the lines of communication open, God will grant us what is good. Brian Zahnd

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Notices

Saint Vincent De Paul Church Gate Collections Douglas Parish, July '16

St. Columba's: **€2262**, St. Patrick's: **€1250**. Next collection: Sat 6th /Sun 7th Aug. Thank you to everybody for your continued support and generosity.

Cemetery Sunday Passage West Parish Sun 31st July, Mass for the Faithful Departed St. Mary's Cemetery @ 5pm Preceded by prayers and blessing service in old graveyard @ 4pm.

MUSINGS 'The heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.' (Luke 11:13, paraphrased)

Children hate it when they do not get the exact gift they put in for – ask Santa Claus. Our young ones look for one model of a mobile phone and get a slightly older (and possibly more reasonably-priced) version. Loud disappointment rebounds through the whole house: 'That was NOT what I wanted!'

The father who would hand his child a snake instead of a fish would get a similar response. Giving a stone instead of bread would not go down well either. The only time when the wrong gift is acceptable is when it is a better gift, bigger, more generous, more useful, more luxuriant. Which brings us to the key message of the Gospel: you may ask for whatever you wish from God, what you get in return will blow your mind, even though it is not exactly what you asked for. *Heavenly Father, help me. Whatever I seek, send your Holy Spirit to fill my heart. Let your Spirit satisfy me.*