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Mass Times Sat Vigii: 6pm Sun: 9.30am,11am & 12.15pm

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St. Patrick's, Rochestown

Notices

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART NOVENA At Sacred Heart Church, Western Road. 31stAug. - 8th Sept, daily – 10.00am and 8.00pm.

Fundraiser Night for Dave Jones & family. Dave was diagnosed with Motor Neuron disease in May 2014. Sat, 8 Oct, 8 pm until late. Venue: Blue Angel Room, Opera House. Entertainment: band - "Witless" & Magician Liam Sheehan. Finger food & spots prizes. Contact Marie 087 221 2681 or osheamarie789@gmail.com for more details.

MUSINGS

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BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently: **Cara Veronica McCarthy**, daughter of John & Rachel, South Douglas Road.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Michael Dunne**, beloved son of John and Kathleen, loving partner of Sinead and dear brother of Anne, Karen and Jacqui. **Mahon McDermott**, dearly beloved husband of Kaye and adored father of Carrie, Scott, Ian, Shelley and the late Ross. May they rest in peace Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

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Finance

The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: €2955 . Many thanks for your generosity.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Luke 13:22-30

1. The question put to Jesus is one that many still ask: 'Will many be saved?' In his answer Jesus is not concerned about numbers but warns his listeners about complacency. Just as his listeners could not regard the mere fact of being Jews as sufficient for salvation, neither can we regard being Christians as enough. That entitlement will come from our acceptance of Jesus. For any relationship to be alive – either with God or with another human person – the real question is 'Is my heart in this relationship?' What does your experience tell you of this?

2. 'Strive to enter by the narrow door'. Jesus himself is on his journey to Jerusalem, purposeful and determined. His true followers will also be purposeful and determined. That is true in any journey, career, or relationship if there is to be growth or progress. What it is like for you when you fail to do this? What is it like for you when the effort is there? *Intercom*

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Year of Mercy San Giovanni and Assisi Pilgrimage group led by Fr. Sean Crowley on 30th September. Price €919 pps Celebrating the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi. on the 4th October in Assisi.

Also **Holy Land at Christmas 2016** led by Fr. Philip McShane Price €1,375 pps Payment can be made in instalments. Contact James Treacy for details 086-0572216.

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