13 November



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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. Patrick's, Rochestown

## Notices

Access Youth Group Ages 11 – 15 years Every Thursday 7 – 8.30pm Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre, St. Columba's Church, Douglas.

(1) Flag Day- Douglas & District Lions Club "Annual Flag Day" in the three main shopping Centres on Friday <u>18th of November</u> to raise funds for the provision of winter fuel to needy families in the Community. Your continued support is most appreciated. Thank you.

#### Irish Blood Transfusion Service Thank you!

216 Donors attended our Blood Donor Clinic in Carrigaline GAA Hall. This generosity and commitment to helping others is very much appreciated. Remember in November

Take the Short-Term Pledge

for the Month of November for deceased family and friends who have gone before us marked with the sign of Faith. Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this prayerful act in honour of their deceased loved ones. You can do likewise.

Christmas Wellness and Craft Fair in Aid of Cork Penny Dinners at the Gresham Metropole Hotel, McCurtain S treet, on Sun 20th Nov from 12.00 noon - 6pm On the day you can pamper yourself with different kinds of treatments. Stalls: Jewellery, Natural Hand creams, Nail art, hair styling and Beauty Products, Music and much more. Admission €5.

# St. Columba's, Douglas

#### BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:
Eve Alice Kirby, daughter of Georgina & Gary, Well Road, Douglas.
Rachel Eileen Fitzpatrick. Daughter of Arlene & Vincent, Maryborough Hill.
Caroline Rosemary Dowdall, daughter of Jill & Peter, Yewlands, Maryborough Woods.
Layla Pauline O'Connor Field, daughter of Caroline & Ryan, Mahon.
Leo Derry Buckley son of Fiona & Diarmuid , Perth, Australia.
Nicholas Francis Fortune, son of Jennifer & Kevin, Foxwood Drive.
Olivia Joan O'Brien, daughter of Maeve & Paul, Fort Hill.

#### DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Domhnall, Powell (Mac Giolla Phóil)** Lislee Road, beloved husband of Mary and dear father of Triona & Aine.**Tim Collins,** Calderwood. Sadly missed by his loving brothers, sisters, nephews, relatives and friends. May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

### **News Desk**

Finance: The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: €3219 . St. Patricks: €1344. Many Thanks for your generosity.

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next weekend – Marriage Support

Cake Sale in aid of Hope Foundation Sun 13 Nov, 10:00-13:30 in the Parish Pastoral Centre, St. Columba's

**From your Parish Assembly:** November is traditionally the month we remember those who have gone before us marked with faith. The Parish Assembly has placed Remembrance Trees in both churches with labels available for the names of your deceased loved ones. As these labels are green, the bare trees will soon appear to come to life with new leaves, symbolizing our Christian faith in the Resurrection.

Public Lecture Douglas Library, Thurs 17 Nov @ 7pm- Dr. Anne Francis, Cork Theology Form, hosted by Douglas Churches Together. Tea & a chat from 6.30pm. ALL WELCOME

**Christian Meditation for Christmas** – **concluding with Mass at 4pm. Sat. 3**<sup>rd</sup> **Dec. 10.00am-5pm** in Sacred Heart Missionaries' Hall, Western Road. Presenter: Fr. Donagh O'Shea O.P. Newcomers and practicing meditators are welcome. Please bring a packed lunch – tea/coffee supplied. Donation for day: €15. Further Information: Rita 4292404.

#### The Deep End • Not a hair of your head

I remember a cartoon from my childhood. An angel counts the hairs on the head of a child – the figure is already up in the thousands. 'He was always good at maths!' whispers an angelic bystander. It was cute, a lovely image of how intimately God knows and cares for each one of us. Today's Gospel is not so 'cute'. There is talk of plagues and famines, persecution and imprisonment, betrayal and death, as Jesus alerts his followers to the dangers ahead. It is an intense monologue, and no doubt an upsetting one for his disciples.

But it culminates with a reassuring image. In spite of all this hardship, Jesus promises a reward for our patience and endurance. In fact, he puts it like this: 'Not a hair of your head will be lost.' Though we worry that we may not be strong enough to stand up to opposition, Jesus promises to be with us in times of trial, and to give us 'eloquence and a wisdom' to deal with whatever is thrown at us. That's quite a promise. Do we believe it? If we truly believe that God knows us so intimately that he knows exactly how many hairs we have on our heads, we must believe that he cares enough to give us the strength to face whatever obstacles we encounter.

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