

Parish of Douglas & Rochestown



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Sunday Mass Times
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15 January 2017

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:

Avery Julia Mulcahy, daughter of Fiona & Denis, Welwyn Road, Maryborough.

Grace Imelda Coleman, daughter of Cathy & Jerry, Kilbrody.

Jack Parra, son of Joy & Luis, Lislee Road.

Harry David Taylor, son of Sandra & Malcolm, Surrey & Rochestown Road.

Carrie Hannah Quirke, daughter of Lisa & David, Manor Lawn.

WEDDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following who were married recently: **Claire O'Donnel**, Gillabey Street, Cork, & **John O'Brien**, Co. Tipperary.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Mary McGrath**, Rochestown, dearly loved wife of the late John and much loved mother of David, Brigid, Margaret, Frances, Lucy and Patrick.

Hannah Kinahan, Ballincurrig Park, Douglas Road, beloved wife of Peter and loving mother of Paul. **Jimmy McCaffrey**, Rhodaville, loving brother of Tim, Kieran and Deirdre and much loved partner of Josie.

Frank Barry, The Ovals much loved husband of Madeleine and loving father of Mark, Ciara and Aoife.. **Nellie Martin**, Donnybrook, beloved wife of the late Justin and loving mother of Teresa, Pat, Bernard, John and Mary.

May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to: **John Linehan**, Belmont Court, on the recent death of his father **Jackie Linehan**, Berrings. To **Colm Bell**, Upper Kensington, Rochestown Road, on the recent death of his sister, **Aine Moloney**, Dublin.

News Desk

Finance: The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: €3154 . St. Patrick's: €1510
Many Thanks for your generosity.

Diocesan Needs - Second Collection this weekend in aid of the Diocese

World Day of Migrants & Refugees Sunday 15 January 2017

Migrants leave their homes in search of a better life and face the difficult experience of migration in its various forms.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for the upcoming World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Minor migrants, vulnerable and voiceless."

As Christians, we are called to reach out to and pray for all migrants to emphasize the unity of the human family and the values of acceptance, hospitality and love of neighbour.

MUSINGS: Lamb of God

Say a prayer today for the Church in Syria which is being decimated by five years of war. It was the Syrian Church in the seventh century that gave us the prayer Lamb of God which we recite three times at Sunday Mass. A timely prayer for mercy and peace to prevail in face of the pervasive warring 'sin of the world'.

Not the Lamb, 'meek and mild' of Blake's poem of Innocence, in Mass today, but the 'Lamb who was slain', mentioned thirty times in the Apocalypse, and identified by Philip in Acts 8 as the Suffering Servant for the benefit of the open minded and enquiring Ethiopian.

John the Baptist was the first to say Jesus is the Lamb of God, the first to say in a universalist way that Christ would take away not only Israel's sin but the sin of the whole world. His weapons are mercy and peace. Spread them widely. **Intercom**

Notices

Douglas Community Pre-School and Play Group, Douglas Community Centre, are now enrolling for January 2017, limited number of places available. All inquiries 086 1217161.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 1:29-34

1. John is one who directs people to Jesus as the one who had a life-giving message for them. Who have been the people in your life whose example or advice pointed you in the direction of a fuller life? Who has helped you to appreciate the importance of Jesus and his message?
2. In the narrative, John recognised that Jesus had more to offer people than he himself. He had the humility not to need to be the star of the show. Whom have you known with that grounded sense of their own place?
3. John proclaims Jesus as one who takes away the sin of the world. Who have been the people who, for you, continued this mission of Jesus and led you from sin and guilt to forgiveness and freedom? For whom have you done this?
4. It was not just on the cross that Jesus gave his life as the Lamb of God. His public ministry was a constant struggle against injustice and oppression. When have you shared in this mission of Jesus? Who have been models of this for you?

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