

Parish of Douglas & Rochestown



St Columba's
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Sunday Mass Times
Sat Vigil: 6pm
Sun: 9.30am, 11am & 12.15pm

St Patrick's,
Tel: 021 489 6797 (Office)
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Sunday Mass Times
Sun: 11am & 12.30pm



22 January 2017

BAPTISMS

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

Alex Gerard Corcoran, son of Susan & Gary, Ballinhassig.

Harvey Patrick Walsh, son of Sarah, Donnybrook Drive, Douglas.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Rosaleen Buckley, Rochestown & Ovens**, beloved partner of the late David Upton & loving daughter of Mary and the late Connie Buckley.

Fr. Mil Whelan, (Missionaries of the Sacred Heart) Cork City. Sadly missed by his loving brothers John and Dave, sisters Margot, Pat & Mary. **George O' Connor**, Rochestown Road, beloved husband of the late Helen, and loved father of Geraldine, Aileen, George & Mark. May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

News Desk

Finance: Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€3019**. St. Patrick's: **€1290**. 2nd collection in aid of the Diocese: St. Columba's: **€2251**. St. Patrick's: **€876**. Many Thanks for your generosity.

Douglas Comhaltas will play at the 12.15pm Mass on next Sun. Jan. 29th in St. Columba's Church.

Saint Vincent De Paul Jan 2017 Church Gate Collections

St. Columba's: **€2780**. St. Patrick's: **€1694**. Next church gate collection: Sat 4th / Sun 5th Feb. We would like to thank everybody most sincerely for your continued support and generosity.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Matthew 4:12-23

1. 'The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light'. Jesus applies this to himself and his message. Who have been the Jesus people who have been a source of light to you? Have you been such a light for others?

2. His message was a call to repentance, to a change of attitude toward God, from seeing God as one to be feared, to seeing God as a God of love. When have you heard that call in your life? What was it like for you?

3. Jesus invited disciples to join him in his mission. In responding, the disciples 'left their nets' to follow Jesus. Sometimes we have to disentangle ourselves from other things to give ourselves freely and wholeheartedly to a commitment. Have you experienced being 'enmeshed' and being free? Where did you find life?

4. In v. 23 we have a summary of the ministry of Jesus – 'proclaiming the good news of the kingdom' and witnessing to this by teaching and healing. Who have been the people you have known who have witnessed to the 'kingdom', the reign of God in our world? What have been the signs that accompanied their witness? When have you done this yourself?

Intercom

MUSINGS: Jesus begins his ministry

A net is an expandable object. When the fish enter, it stretches. It's an image that reoccurs in parable and in the personal stories of the disciples up to and following the death and resurrection of Jesus. They understand the mystery of the Kingdom to be a net that gathers fish of all kinds. In today's Gospel they let go of the net of preoccupation and follow the Lord into discipleship. Christ's net is reminiscent of the biblical 'leading strings of love' which God uses to draw people to himself. The disciples' response contrasts with that of those who put their hand to the plough and turn back. Jesus's project is the Kingdom, not the material restoration of the Temple. Not power. As a Church, we must know our priority is the Kingdom of God's mercy and of the Spirit, but do we? *Intercom*

Notices

Keep up with technology, Internet and e mail level 3 certified free computer course starting 25 th jan 2 hours a week for 16 weeks. Info contact: Phil Goodman 087-2987161

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.

"Come and See" Vocations Afternoon 2.00 – 4.30 p.m. Sat. 18 th Feb. For women discerning a religious vocation. Poor Clare Monastery, College Rd. Cork. Check out: www.poorclairescork.ie
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The President & Members of the "Douglas Lions Club" wish to thank sincerely all who donated and gave food items to their recent "Christmas Food Appeal" in the shopping Centres in Douglas, which was a huge success thanks to the generosity of the shoppers, which enabled the club to help so many people in the Community and wider Community this Christmas. A special thank you to all our volunteer Collectors, to the staff and management of the shopping centres, to Catherine in the Parish Office and the priests of all the parishes for highlighting the Appeal at Masses. Thank you also to the local businesses and all who sent donations and everybody associated with the Appeal. Happy New year to one and all"