

Parish of Douglas & Rochestown



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

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8 January 2017

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:
Holden Ambrose Guilfoyle . son of Chandra & Ambrose, Grand Cayman.

WEDDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following who were married recently: **Patricia McCarthy**, Calderwood Road, and **Michael Crowley**, Ballinlough. **Lesley Ann O'Reilly**, Galway's Place, & **Michael O'Connor**, Greenmount.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Kay Mulcahy**, Dunmahon, South Douglas Road, beloved wife of Jim and loving mother of Linda. **Florence MacSweeney**, beloved wife of the late Ned and much loved mother of Catherine, Michael, Harry, Florence and Adrienne. **Máire Brady**, dearly beloved wife of the late Prof. Thomas G. Brady and loving mother of Anne and Dr. Patrick. **Phil Lynch**, beloved wife of the late Daniel and loving mother of Christine and Liz. May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to **Joe Barry**, St. Columba's Terrace and **Minnie McCarthy**, Douglas Road, on the recent death of their brother, **Michael Barry**, Scart, Douglas. To: **Pat O'Donoghue**, Shamrock Lawn, on the recent death of his father, **Christy O'Donoghue**, Bantry. To: **Teresa Evans**, Trabeg Lawn, on the recent death of her father, **Kevin Hanley**, Summerstown, Wilton.

News Desk

Finance: The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€2811** . Many Thanks for your generosity.

Diocesan Needs

Second Collection next weekend in aid of the Diocese

GO RAIBH MAITH AGAIBH

Many thanks to all for your tremendous generosity to the Christmas Collection for the support of the priests of the parish. Thank you also for your continuous generosity in the Christmas Dues. Fr. Teddy and Fr. Pat would like to thank you sincerely for your generosity, loyalty, encouragement and kindness during to 2016.

Direct Provision – Thank You!

Thank you, this year to St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown for ensuring that the children in Direct Provision Hostels were not forgotten on Christmas morning. Your great generosity was much appreciated.

Without your help and that of our sister parish at Dennehy's Cross, we would not have been able to create this surprise for 80 children, newcomers to our country, living in Direct Provision. Sincere Thanks

Experience the CHRISTMAS STORY in the land where it actually happened
Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the Holy Land, June 12-22nd 2017. Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar)

Alzheimer Society of Ireland Cork Branch, Saturday Club on Saturday 14 JAN 2017 at Bessboro Day Care Centre. From 2pm until 4pm. We are delighted to welcome back Gerry Tuohy Light refreshments provided. Free Admission. All Welcome. Further Info: 4972504

Notices

Thanks to everyone who supported the Simon Community over the Christmas period by purchasing the St. Columba's Choir CD. There are just four CD's left in the Parish office, so if you're interested in a copy. Call between 9-1 Monday-Friday. €10 each or 2 for €16.

MUSINGS

The Baptism of Christ is a painting by fifteenth-century Italian artist Piero della Francesca. It is in the National Gallery in London. It is remarkable for its light quality. Its lightness of tone reflects a time when baptisms were concluded at dawn and the newly baptised, once washed in the font, were dressed in white robes. A dawn light suffuses the figure of Christ, including sky, landscape and water. Piero worked on a white gesso surface which had a marble-like finish and his paints were tempered with egg to create translucency and a whiteness relevant to the theme of Baptism. The setting for the painting is Italy of his time, not ancient Jordan. As Christ is being baptised delegates are arriving from the east to negotiate a healing of the Churches East and West. A trio of angels have gathered in a conciliatory circle. When we honour Christ's Baptism on this day we are reminded to work on our own disunities.

'Lord, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with the joy of the Gospel. May I find joy in seeking to please you just as you found joy in seeking to please your Father'. Don Schwager