

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



12 February 2017

BAPTISMS

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

- Clara Huston**, daughter of Lorraine & Paul, Calderwood Drive, Donnybrook.
Mathew Luke Harrington, son of Weena & James, Greenvalley, Donnybrook.
Emma Grace McSherry, daughter of Niamh & Gary, Ballincurrig Park, Douglas Road.
Billy J. Bermingham, son of Jill & Ian, Upper Rochestown.
Fionn Michael Bohane, son of Pamela & Neil, Foxwood.

News Desk

Finance: Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€3340**. St. Patrick's: **€1459**.
Many Thanks for your generosity. **2nd Collection this weekend – Lourdes Invalid Fund**

Lourdes 2017 – Young Adult Helpers. - The Diocese of Cork and Ross invites Young Adults 18-30 year olds to come to Lourdes as helpers from 11th to 16th June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme as well as time for prayer, for making new friends and sharing in the story of Lourdes. Limited number of places. Closing date for applicants is 28th Feb. For further details contact Fr. Charlie Kiely 021-4537603, or email: charliekiely@gmail.com

World Day of the Sick – Saturday 11th February – Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

This year, World Day of the Sick will be celebrated in a special way in Lourdes where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette. In his letter, Pope Francis proposes a meditation on the story of Lourdes and the apparitions that took place at the grotto of Massabielle. The theme chosen by the Pope is *"The Almighty has done great things for me"* Luke 1:49.

World Day of the Sick is an opportunity to remind our people to pray for all those who are sick in hospitals or in places of care or are looked after by their families in their homes. In the words of St. John Paul: *"We should never push the sick or the old to the margins of society but acknowledge with thanks the debt that we owe them. We imagine that we are giving to them, we end up realising that they have enriched us"*. The healing ministry of Jesus was a very important characteristic of His life. We were asked especially during the Year of Mercy to reflect on the corporal works of mercy. Jesus has said that we will be judged on the Last Day by our concern for the sick and the suffering: *"I was sick and you visited me"*. A word of praise for the dedicated doctors, nurses, ancillary staff and chaplains who work with the sick would be very appropriate.

Vocations to Priesthood Weekend - An invitation is extended to men between 18 and 40 who are interested in the Diocesan priesthood as a way of life, to join with others for a weekend from Friday 17th @6pm to Sat 18th 3pm February taking place in Thurles. There is no charge to attend the weekend – Contact: Fr Charlie Kiely 021 4537603 or charliekiely@gmail.com for further details.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Matthew 5:17-37

1. In this section of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus proposes standards that go beyond external ways of behaviour. He challenges our inner attitudes. When have you found that living out of inner conviction is more life-giving than keeping up appearances?
2. Jesus applies his teaching to feelings of anger and sexual desire. He suggests that if we do not keep an eye on our feelings and thoughts we will not be able to control our actions. Perhaps you have experienced the truth of this. What has helped you to integrate your feelings so that you were able to live in right relationship with yourself and others?
3. For Jesus, persons with genuine authenticity do not need to swear an oath to be convincing. Their 'yes' or 'no' suffices. Recall people who had this kind of credibility for you. When have you found that your simple, direct and honest communication had a positive persuasive force? *Intercom*.

Notices

Experience the **CHRISTMAS STORY** in the land where it actually happened, Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the Holy Land, June 12-22nd. Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar). Contact Mícheál 0868337681 or email: culturaltoursireland@gmail.com

Douglas over 60s Singing Competition on Tues 14th Feb in St Columbas Hall, Douglas. if you would like to take part in this community event to win the Luke Philpott Perpetual trophy, contact Phil Goodman 087-2987161 philgoodman01@gmail.com

Douglas ICA Guild Meeting on the 2nd Thursday of every month. This is the 'business, night of the Guild, where all Guild matters are discussed. Throughout the year, we have various speakers on different topics and other activities, such as table quizzes, charades, etc. Contact: Rose 021 4362447 / Eleanor 021 4361797

Pre-Marriage Course with NAOMI. - The course will be held as follows: Date: Saturdays [1 day course] Venue: Pastoral Centre, St. Columba's Church, Douglas, Cork. Times: 10 am to 4.30 pm - Cost: per couple €130.00. Tea/Coffee provided/ Lunch is not provided. Contact: Una @ 086 309 4792.

Yoga Classes in Garryduff Sports Centre, Rochestown. Every Tuesday, 7 – 8.30pm. (Course or drop in available) Further info: contact: Sinéad 086-3261305