

Parish of Douglas & Rochestown



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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



26 March 2017

BAPTISMS

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

Liam Dónal O'Herlihy, son of Úna & Gary, Srd Keale, Mount Oval.

Thomas Michael Carpenter, son of Siobhán & Robert, The Downs, Broadale.

James Anthony O'Mahony, son of Katy & Vincent, Blackrock Mews, Blackrock.

Ruairi Richard Hennessy, son of Ruth & Montague, Foxwood, Garryduff.

Hannah Rose O'Connor, daughter of Margaret & James, Wainsfort, Rochestown Road.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Fr. Tony O'Keeffe (OFM Cap)** on the recent death of his sister **Maureen O'Keeffe**, Cullen, Co. Cork

News Desk

Finance: Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's : **€3154**. St. Patrick's: **€1249** Many Thanks for your generosity.

Why God? Why Christ? Why the Church? The Parish Assembly invites you to the **WHY? Course**, an exciting, intriguing and enjoyable three-part overview to the Catholic Faith that aims to get people thinking about three particular big questions – Why God? Why Christ? And why the Church? – and to show that the answer to these questions is hugely important for people today, both as individuals and as a society. **Wednesdays March 29 and April 5.** @ 8pm in the Parish Centre Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of the Word, and Meditation Groups are encouraged to attend these sessions. To register, please give your name and telephone number to the Parish Office. **(Parish Assembly)**

Looking for somewhere to go on Good Friday Night 14th April @ 9pm? Inviting young people and people who may like to attend, to come to a Taize Prayer Meeting in St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown. People of all Faiths and none welcome. *'Come & Remember'* Friends who may have passed away in recent years, people who may be going through difficult times (maybe in your own family), yourself at this time, exams, relationships and things that may affect young people, etc. Take a little time off from the hustle and bustle of life. Give it a go! You have nothing to lose! Maybe bring a friend! *Parish Assembly*

PILGRIMAGE OF THE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA - *At the beginning of this year Pope Francis blessed a statue of Our Lady of Fatima before launching it on its pilgrimage to dioceses across the continent of Europe. We are privileged to be hosting the statue on 26th and 27th March as follows: Sunday 26th March 4:30pm statue arrives in Cathedral of Ss Mary and Anne when Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will take place. Mass at 5:30pm. Veneration until 7:30pm*

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 9:1-4

1. A long story like the one we have today provides many different points of entry for prayer. Read the story and stay with what resonates with you. Some possible points of entry are:

- The blind man was healed. Can you recall occasions when some blindness of yours was taken away and you could see in a new way? What was that experience like for you?
- The Pharisees claimed to be the ones who could see, who knew where God was to be found, when in fact they were blind. It was the man born blind who showed himself open to see the hand of God at work in what happened. There can be some of each in us. What has helped you to be open to seeing the hand of God at work in your life? Who have been the Jesus people who have led you to this point?
- There are many characters in the story: Jesus, the blind beggar, the disciples, the neighbours, the blind man's parents, and the Pharisees. Put yourself in the position of each one and see what you learn from identifying with them. Intercom

Notices

Voices of Spring Concert in aid of Marymount University Hospital & Hospice Featuring **Dan Twomey, Tenor, The Chorus of Opera, Cork, Regina Mundi College Choir, Douglas Comhaltas, Liam McCarthy, Venue:** St. Columba's Church Douglas, on Friday 31st March @ 7.30pm. Tickets **€15**, available at: office, St. Columba's Church, office St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown. Contact: Phil Goodman 0872987161.

Douglas ICA presents : A Night of Music & Drama, ICA Hall, Church Road, Douglas, on Thursday 30th March at 8.00pm. tickets €5.

The Annual Parkinson's Mass for People With Parkinson's, their families and friends will take place at St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown Road, Cork on Wednesday 5th April 2017 at 7.00 pm. The ceremony will include The Sacrament Of The Sick. All Welcome.

The Cork Association for Autism's sixth annual Light it up Blue Gala Ball will take place at the Maryborough Hotel & Spa, Douglas on Sat April 1st. The evening will include a champagne drinks reception and an exquisite four course meal. Followed by entertainment from the Love Bugs. Tickets: €80 per person. & can be purchased by calling Carol on 021 4533642 (Ext 5), emailing c.walsh@corkautism.ie. or online www.corkautism.ie