



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



Sunday 16 July 2017

BAPTISMS

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

- Jamie Caoimhín O'Brien**, son of Gráinne & Ken, Belvedere Lawn.
- Elizabeth Joan Kathleen Ryan**, daughter of Joanna & Michael, Ard Keale.
- Erin Kate Seymour**, daughter of Kerri & Kevin, Adare Mews.
- Isabelle Rose Spillane**, daughter of Elaine & Ciarán, Grange

DEATHS

The death took place of: **Brendan Crowne**, Passage West & Rochestown, dearly beloved husband of Clíona, much loved father of Niamh and Fiadh May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sé.

News Desk

Finance

The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€2622**. St. Patrick's **€965** Many Thanks for your generosity. **Second Collection this weekend: Diocesan Needs.**

Trócaire

An Emergency Collection in aid of Trócaire's work in East Africa will take place in Parishes across Ireland and Northern Ireland on the weekend 22nd- 23rd July. Nearly 25 million people in Somalia, Kenya, South Sudan and Ethiopia are currently in urgent need of food and water due to drought. Trócaire is reaching over 150,000 people across the region with emergency food, water and sanitation. Needs are enormous. Please support.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Matthew 13:1-23

1. Jesus uses parables to make people think about their own responses to his message. As you read this parable you may recognize that at different times you have been like each of the different types of soil. As you recall times when you presented fertile soil for the Word of God, what helped you create that receptive atmosphere? What lessons for life do you get from that?
 2. Parents with children, teachers with pupils, speakers with listeners, are all like sowers in a field where the preparation of the soil is up to another – the child, pupil or listener. They can sow the seed but cannot guarantee that it will bear fruit. At times there may be a temptation not to try any more. The challenge is to sow in hope. When have you been surprised by the harvest you have reaped?
 3. 'We are wasting our time here' may sometimes be the apparent wisdom in a group. Have there been times when you have gone against this apparent wisdom and seen your efforts bear fruit?
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MUSINGS: The Good Seed

"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God". Pope Francis.

Jesus' parable of the sower is aimed at the people who listen, or ignore, his word. There are different ways of hearing God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit.

Working too hard to have time to hear God's word: There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to the things of God.

The shallow hearer fails to think things out or think them through and lacks spiritual depth. They may initially respond with an enthusiasm, but when it wears off their mind wanders to something else.

Another type of hearer is the person who has many interests or cares, but lacks the ability to hear or comprehend what is truly important. Such a person is forever too busy to pray or too preoccupied to study and meditate on God's word. They may work so hard that they are too tired to even think of anything else but their work.

Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is at all times willing to listen and to learn. He or she is never too proud or too busy to learn. They listen in order to understand. **INTERCOM**

Notices

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY MASS

The annual Mass in St. John's Cemetery, Ballinrea will take place on Wednesday August 9th @ 7.30pm. All are welcome, (*Bring your own folding chair*).

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork 30th Aug to 6th Sept

cost €709 pps. Ph Angela Gowing 087 6140076 or call to prayer group, Holy Trinity Church, Fr Matthew Quay, Cork every Wed 8PM.

National Franciscan

Pilgrimage Holy Land 6th – 14th October 2017 Spiritual Director: Fr. Bernard Jones O.F.M. contact: Premier Travel at 021-4277700.

SMA Pilgrimage to Lourdes

– 17 – 22 Sept '17. 5 nights, full board. €739 pps. Hotel Roissy. Organiser/Director: Fr. Hugh Harkin, SMA, African Missions, Blackrock Road Tel 021 4292871

Sick Poor Society - a helping Hand

Founded in 1853, the Society is one the oldest charitable societies in Cork City, offering support and advice to individuals and families in south side of Cork City. All fundraising from door-to-door collections, donations & bequests. If you or your family are suffering at this time, we invite you to contact the Society in complete confidence. New members welcome and urgently required, Contact Sick Poor Society, Dunbar Street, Cork 087 7549933 email sickpoorsociety@gmail.com www.sickpoor.com