



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 2 July 2017

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:
Charlotte Elizabeth Horgan, daughter of Sarah & James, Maryborough Hill.

DEATHS

The death took place of **John (Jack) Nestor**, Rochestown & late of Turners Cross, much loved father of Mike and dear brother of Derry & the late Brendan, May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sé.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Jerry Gould**, Calderwood Road, on the recent death of his brother **Leonard Gould**, Montenegro.

News Desk

Finance

The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€2622**. St. Patrick's **€995** Second collection – **Peter's Pence**: St. Columba's: **€2219**. St. Patrick's: **€525**. Many Thanks for your generosity.

Your Parish Assembly



The Parish Assembly is composed of about 20-30 men and women, from all walks of life and of a range of ages but united by the Gospel and seeking to strengthen parish life and also to assist Frs Teddy and Pat under the general headings of liturgy and celebration, young people and faith enrichment and creating community. As the first year of this assembly draws to a close, we thought we might update you on what your Parish Assembly did in 2016-17 (and please see the Parish website for some pictures!). Our year's activities started in October with a "Mini-Pilgrimage of Mercy" through Cork City. November saw the remembrance trees in both churches and the bereavement mass. December was a very busy month with Bambellini Sunday when families had blessed the figure of the infant Jesus from their cribs, the very successful Christmas concert in St Patrick's featuring the High Hopes choir from Cork Penny Dinners and distribution of the Parish pocket calendars. January saw the collection of gifts for Edel house and a faith-themed art project run in Scoil Phádraig Naofa in Rochestown, in addition to the start of occasional coffee mornings after weekday masses. For Lent and in preparation for Easter, we ran the very successful Why? Course, a three-part introduction to Christianity and the Catholic faith. For Easter itself, we organised notices for the churches and a Taizé prayer meeting in St Patrick's on Good Friday. Sunday May 28 in St Patrick's was perhaps the highlight of our year when we had the Parish launch of preparations for the World Meeting of Families together with an ice cream Sunday for Down Syndrome Ireland and presentation of certificates to First Communion and Confirmation children. Finally, and throughout the year, members of the assembly compose Prayers of the Faithful for all masses, make banners for the churches and maintain the Parish website and Facebook page. Not all these activities were very big, but we hope that collectively they made a small difference and helped improve parish life.

Our plans for the coming year will centre on preparations for the **World Meeting of Families in August 2018** and will include a **Family Themed Parish Retreat**, the **Do This in Memory programme** for first communion children and a **Grandparents' Day Mass** in early October.

As we take a break for the summer, we hope you will keep us in your prayers as we strive to realise our vision for an open, caring, compassionate faith community in Douglas and Rochestown, involving everyone and known by its actions.

Notices

FIRST FRIDAY 7 July '17: St.

Columba's: St. Padre Pio Prayers before 10.00am Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10.00 am Mass until 1.00 pm. All are very welcome.

Vigil of Reparation to The Sacred Heart of Jesus & The Immaculate Heart of Mary, from **1pm – 3pm** in Parish Centre.

The Pray and Play group Summer break after 12.15 Mass on Sun 2 July. It will re-convene in the parish centre at 12.15pm Mass on Sun 3 Sept.

Saint Vincent De Paul June Church Gate Collections

St. Columba's: **€2690**. St. Patrick's: **€1020**. Next church gate collection: Sat 8 /Sun 9 July. We would like to thank everybody most sincerely for your continued support and generosity.

The Munster Fleadh Cheoil Cork City centre, from July 18th to 23rd, a feast of the best traditional music and dancing in Munster. A family festival with two concerts and many free events. €6 per adult €4 per child entry per day, allowing entry to all competition venues in City Hall, Cork School of Music, the College of Commerce & the Everyman. facebook FleadhcheoilnaMumhan.

Sick Poor Society - a helping Hand, Founded in 1853, offering support and advice to individuals and families on the south side of Cork City. Contact the society in confidence : 087 7549933 sickpoorsociety@gmail.com