



Parish of Douglas & Rochestown

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Sunday 23 July 2017

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:
Hannah Daisy Fitzsimons, daughter of Iveta & Barry, The Spinnaker, Harty's Quay.
Daid Kevin Healy, son of Grace & Philip, Fort Hill, Monegourney.
Jacob William Cotter O'Callaghan, son of Rachel & Vincent, Churchfield.
Jack Ciarán O'Leary, son of Grainne & Kevin, Maryborough Hill.
Sam Charlie O'Brien, son of Maria & Colin, Ballinrea Road, Carrigaline.

WEDDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following who were married recently: **Colma Healy**, The Paddocks, Douglas & **Christopher Farquhar**, Scotland.. We wish them a long and happy life together.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Fr. Declan Mansfield**, on the recent death of his mother, **Madeline Mansfield**, Model Farm Road.

DEATHS

The death took place of: **Wilfred Boland**, Grange, beloved husband of the late Patricia and dear brother of Michael, Clare and Mabel. May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sé.

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Finance

The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€2469**. St. Patrick's **€1045** . **Second collection in aid of the Diocese:** St. Columba's: **€1875** St. Patrick's; **€595**. Many Thanks for your generosity.

Trócaire- 2nd Collection this weekend

An Emergency Collection in aid of Trócaire's work in East Africa will take place in Parishes across Ireland and Northern Ireland this 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.

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*).

THE DEEP END: Changing the world

In 2009, the first Darkness Into Light event in aid of Pieta House took place in Dublin's Phoenix Park. Around 400 people walked the 5km course that year to raise funds for the suicide prevention charity. Fast forward to May this year, and more than 130,000 people took part in 150 Darkness Into Light events across Ireland and worldwide. Many of us will know someone who took part, or we may have got involved ourselves this year. As the crucial message of hope and solidarity filters out from these events, who knows how many lives have been saved or transformed over the years?

Darkness Into Light is a great example of a movement which has grown from a small seed of an idea into a major force for good. The parable of the mustard seed, which we hear today, shows us that fantastic things can emerge from the most modest of beginnings, 'the smallest of all seeds'. The disciples who first heard Jesus speak were ordinary people – not the religious leaders of the time or those in positions of power or influence. But they were the seeds from which the Church would grow down through the ages. Each act of kindness or forgiveness, each time we spread the Good News of Jesus in our own way, we are hastening the spread of God's kingdom. These seeds grow and multiply, and bear abundant fruit even if we cannot always see the results. We can't change the world in one go – but we can change our world.

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MUSINGS: Let them both grow

Did you ever think that perhaps your faults have some benefits? We get discouraged when we go to confession (did I say 'go to confession?') and discover we are saying the same old things over and over again. In this Sunday's parable Jesus says that the weeds can exist side by side with the wheat and God will sort it out at the end of our lives.

Along the way it just may be that our faults have some benefit. First, they keep us humble. Second, they keep us honest so that we don't approach others with judgment. And our faults can remind us to treasure our virtues and use them to love others. There is value knowing both our capacity for evil and our capacity for good.

Do you want to go to heaven? God wants you to go to heaven. God has made his decision. God wants you to live with him forever. Have you made your decision? Have you cast your lot with Christ? Have you humbly and honestly faced your faults and taken the higher road of virtue in dealing with others? Have you been astute to the presence of the Evil One sowing dissent and bitterness in your heart? Have you been to confession recently?

May the Lord give you peace.

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