



Parish of Douglas & Rochestown

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Sunday Mass Times
Sat Vigil: 6pm
Sun: 9.30am, 11am & 12.15pm

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Sunday 9 July 2017

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:
Lois Minna Coughlan, daughter of Minna & Connor, Greendale, Maryborough Woods.

WEDDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to: **Sabina Allen**, Rochestown Road, and **J.J. Murphy**, Scartaglen, Co. Kerry.
We wish them a long and happy life together.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Aileen Healy**, Maryborough, loving wife of Daniel, devoted mother of Robert, Ray and Emma. **Mary Cody**, Tramore Lawn, dearly beloved wife of Seán, cherished mother of Eimer, Maeve, Seán and Eithne. May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Patricia Gilley** Kiltegan Lawn, on the death of her father **Michael Collins Powell**, Cross Douglas Road.

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Finance

The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€3100**. St. Patrick's **€975** Many Thanks for your generosity. **Second Collection next weekend: Diocesan Needs.**

MUSINGS: I will give you rest

In today's Gospel Jesus offers a lifeline. 'Come to me,' he says. Sounds simple, doesn't it? And yet we find it difficult to believe that reaching out to Jesus can make a difference. Lord, you invite us to take your hand walk with you; how stubborn we can be sometimes. Help us to receive your whispered invitation and respond with faith. Jesus is inviting those who are not in the comfort zone, who feel oppressed by anxiety and uncertainty. Lord, I do not ask that you bring my life completely under control; to be mortal is to face uncomfortable realities. I beg you to be my uncomfortable comfort zone. Saint Ignatius thought that a thick and shapeless tree trunk would never believe that it could become a statue, admired as a miracle of sculpture, and would never submit itself to the chisel of the sculptor, who sees by her genius what she can make of it. I ask for grace to let myself be shaped by my loving Creator.

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THE DEEP END: Rest for your Souls

Pope Francis had some strong words of advice recently for priests. As he ordained ten men to the priesthood on Good Shepherd Sunday, he said in his homily: 'A priest who has perhaps studied much theology and has achieved one or two or three advanced degrees, but has not learned to carry the Cross of Christ, is useless: he will be a good academic, a good professor, but not a priest. Please, I ask you in the name of Christ and of the church to be merciful, always: do not saddle the faithful with burdens they cannot carry – nor ought you so burden yourselves.

He must have been thinking of the extract from Matthew's Gospel that we hear today, where Jesus talks about the exact opposite of laying burdens on people – he promises to take them away, and to lighten our load.

I don't think Jesus is saying that the Christian life is always going to be easy, that there will not be burdens or crosses to carry, or that we should not hold ourselves to high standards. Rather, he is reminding us that when we find ourselves overburdened – tired, frustrated, afraid, overwhelmed, disheartened – help is at hand. He invites us to come to him, and to unload our troubles onto him. He is a place of rest for our weary souls. With Jesus on board, our minds and hearts will be lighter, and we can get on with our tasks with renewed energy and zeal.

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Notices

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland (Cork City Branch) Next Carer's Support

meeting Wednesday 12th July 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Bessboro Day Care Centre Bessboro Blackrock. ALL ARE WELCOME

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, the Society is one the oldest charitable societies in Cork City, offering support and advice to individuals and families on the south side of Cork City. All fundraising comes from door-to-door collections, donations and bequests. If you or your family are suffering at this time, we invite you to contact the Society in complete confidence. We can then arrange for one of our members to call and visit your home and advise you on any assistance we may be able to provide. New members welcome and urgently required, Contact Sick Poor Society, Dunbar Street, Cork 087 7549933 email sickpoorsociety@gmail.com www.sickpoor.com