



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 27 Aug '17

BAPTISMS

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

- Diarmuid Joseph Kelly**, son of Áine & Seán, Clermont Avnue, Douglas Road.
- Jack Micheál Ó Tuama**, son of Micheál & Laura, Monastery Cross, Rochestown.
- Noah Vincent Coral**, son of Anna & Jonathan, Woodville, Rochestown.

WEDDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following who were married recently: **Emma Power**, Frankfield, & **Darren Corcoran**, Cahirciveen.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Rose Sheehan**, Foxwood, and **Pat Sheehan**, Director, St. Patrick's Choir, Rochestown, on the recent death of their mother **Maura Sheehan**, The Lough.

News Desk

Finance

The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€2559**. Many Thanks for your generosity.

FIRST FRIDAY 1st Sept '17 St. Columba's: St. Padre Pio Prayers before 10.00am Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10.00am Mass in Parish Centre – All welcome. Alliance of the Two Hearts will keep vigil from 1pm – 3pm in Parish Centre.

One Day Pilgrimage to Knock with Cursillo

Saturday 2ⁿ September. Bus leaves Bus Eireann Station @ 8.00pm sharp. Transport & Breakfast in Kilolgan. Cost €20. Bring packed lunch. Contact: Pat Gaughan **087 627 6707**. **Mary Wilkinson 0876160151**.

Poo Clares, College Road - next Vocations Afternoon, 16th Sept, 2-4.30 p.m.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS **Matthew 16:13-20**

1. This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus, and of the disciples. It is the first time that his disciples recognise him as the Messiah. Recall turning points in your own life when you came to some deeper understanding of who Jesus is.
2. 'Who do you say that I am?' This is possibly the most important question that Jesus puts to us. In your heart of hearts, how do you answer this question?
3. Jesus praises Peter for his faith and comments that this was not his own doing but a gift of God. Perhaps there have been times when you have been more than usually conscious that faith is a gift. Be thankful for the gift you have received.
4. These are troubled times for the Church and the promise of Jesus that 'the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it' are an encouragement. What helps you to draw strength from this promise of Jesus? What signs of hope do you see in the Church today? **Intercom**

MUSINGS: Who am I for you?

What does this story tell us? Jesus wanted a response to his question who am I for you? He had spent time with people and some have accepted him. Peter's was the remark of faith. Faith is in the person of Jesus before any creed. Our faith is based on Jesus not on the Church. It is knowing Jesus from the inside – knowing who he really is with the knowledge of the heart.

Is our faith just like a birthmark or a way of life and love?

For some it is just a birthmark. A label for birth, marriage and death. It has become more like this in Ireland and the Church in many ways allows this.

Who is Christ for me? The question that will ground our faith.

We are here for partnership with the Lord in bringing on the reign of God.

What would that look like? That people who care for each other and particularly for the old, the child, the weaker, the unborn and the refugee. The Church is the community where the weakest are welcomed. The son of the living God is the one who heals, cures, wants us, and is the human face of God. We are that too – he has no body now on earth but ours!

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Notices

HEALTHY MINDS, HEALTHY BODIES, HAPPY HEARTS - **RINKA** has arrived in Douglas - let's get children active together. **RINKA Bounce** is a multi activity class for kids as young as 3 and teaches all the fundamentals of fitness in a fun, non competitive environment. For Sept term info call/text **0872208420** on Facebook @ **RINKA Douglas Cork**.

Saint Vincent De Paul Aug 17 Church Gate Collections St. Columba's: €2430. St. Patrick's: €1088. Next church gate collection: Sat 2 /Sun 3 Sept. We would like to thank everybody most sincerely for your continued support and generosity.

Novena to our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Sacred Heart Church, Western Road. Preached by Fr. John Finn MSC. Aug 31 – Sept 8, 10.00am – 8.00pm Daily.

The Douglas and District Cardiac Support Group meet on the 1st Thursday of each month, from Sept - June. Venue: **Lion House Douglas. 11am -1pm.**

Our aim is to provide a forum for discussion for patients who have had cardiac intervention or treatment of one type or another. We try to offer advice and support in an informal atmosphere and offer an opportunity to socialise and chat over a cup of tea. Remaining dates 2017 Meetings: **Sept 7th Oct 5th Nov 2nd Dec 7th** Further info, please contact Aidan 0874139461, Tony 087 2233019, or just come along to one of the above meetings at Lion House.