



# 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 8<sup>th</sup> Oct '17

## BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:  
**George Brian Parkes**, son of Kate & Brian, Lower Kensington, Rochestown.  
**Roby Olivia Hayes**, daughter of Carol Ann & Brian, Rowan Hill, Mount Oval.

## WEDDINGS

Congratulations to the following who were married recently :**Eimear Coakley**, Maryborough Hill and **Mark O'Donovan**, Rosscarbery. **Catherine Keenan**, Passage West, **William Tracey**, Dublin.  
We wish them a long and happy life together.

## SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the Parish is extended to **Tom Harris**, Kiltegan, on the recent death of his father, **Tom**, Tralee

## News Desk

### Finance

The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€3003**. St. Patrick's: **€1351**. Many Thanks for your generosity. **Second collection next weekend: Diocesan Needs.**

**Parish Retreat & Day of Reflection, Sat 14 Oct, Scala Blackrock: 9.30am – 5.00pm. What does adult faith look like and how would you get there?** Led by Dr Tony Hanna of the Armagh Diocese. Tony is grandfather, a retired teacher and co-founder of a small ecclesial community called *"The Family God"* in Dundalk. Day will be interactive with a mix of talks, quiet reflections, group work and mass. All welcome. Further details Parish Office: 4894128.



### From your Parish Assembly: World Meeting of Families, Dublin, 22-26 August 2018

Held every three years, the World Meeting of Families is a major international event that brings together people from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect on the importance of all families – and not just the perfect ones! – as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church.

Started by St John Paul II in 1994 and involving exhibitions, cultural events, musical performances and gestures of solidarity to those I need, the last such meeting was held in Philadelphia in 2015 and Ireland was personally chosen by Pope Francis to host the 2018 World Meeting of Families. The land from which so many missionaries set forth to bring the light of Christianity to far-flung corners of the world will now invite families and individuals to join us for this great celebration. Indeed, it is also hoped that the Holy Father will come to Ireland as part of the three-day congress which will culminate in a solemn Eucharistic celebration in Dublin.

However, the WMoF is intended to be far more than a once-off event but rather a process through which the Church can celebrate and explore the riches of the "Gospel of the Family". As such, the Parish Assembly will organise a series of activities between now and the end of 2018 to raise awareness of this meeting in Douglas and Rochestown. For more information on the WMoF, please visit [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie).

**MUSINGS:** When God wants to speak to our hearts he leads us to the wilderness. This was his pedagogy with the people of Israel. They had lessons to learn and he had much to teach them. They were schooled and seasoned in the desert. And the schooling was a good forty years The forty years in the desert for the Israelites was a fairly long novitiate. God was their Novice Master! He formed them well with lessons that would last a lifetime! They needed to know that he alone was their God and that they were his people. They had to know too that they needed him for they depended entirely on him as he screened them from the scorching sun during the day and sheltered them at night from the freezing col .The desert is the place between promise and fulfilment. God had delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt but they still had to cross the desert to reach the Promised Land. It was not an easy lesson that they had to learn. It took them some forty years! We who are time bound and always in a hurry find it difficult to keep pace with God's eternal rhythm.

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## Notices

**HAVING FAITH IN FAMILIES:** talk by Professor Eamonn Conway of Mary Immaculate College on **Sun 15 Oct, 3:00pm to 5:00pm** at Christ the King Church, Turner's Cross. This is part of our preparation for the World Meeting of Families. We look forward to welcoming you there – donation only.

**Cork and Ross Pastoral Development Office – vacancy for Receptionist/Secretary.** Must be eligible for CE scheme – 19.5 hours per week. Please send cv and cover letter to [southsidetdl@eircom.net](mailto:southsidetdl@eircom.net)

**Mary & Mercy - Experience** the Time of Mercy! Sun 8 Oct @ 7.30pm St. Augustine's Church – see poster in porch.

**Alzheimer Society of Ireland Cork Branch** - **Saturday Club**, Sat 14 Oct at Bessboro Day Care Centre.2pm- 4pm. We are delighted to welcome back: Emily McHarg. Light refreshments Free Admission. All Welcome. Contact: 021 4972504

- **Carers Support Meeting** Wed. 11 Oct., from 3p.m to 4.30pm in our Day Care Centre in Bessboro, Blackrock. 021 - 4972504 [southernregion@alzheimer.ie](mailto:southernregion@alzheimer.ie)

**The Cork Association for Autism** annual Flag Day collection **Thurs 26 Oct**, volunteers also needed to lend a hand in **Douglas**. If you are available to help raise much needed funds please email or call 021 4533642 [www.corkautism.ie](http://www.corkautism.ie).