



# 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 17 December. '17**

## Notices

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 1:6-8, 19-28 1.** 'There is one among you whom you do not know'. We can know about Jesus but do we know him? What helps you to know Jesus in a way that enables you to follow in his footsteps, trusting God as he did, and seeing other people as he did?  
**2.** John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus. Who have been the people who have borne witness to you of the good news that God loves you – a friend, a parent, etc.? To whom have you borne that witness?  
**3.** John appears in the story as one who had the courage to be himself in the face of loud and aggressive people. He was also a person who knew his own value, did not make exaggerated claims and was content with his mission. Can you recall times when you have been able to be yourself, even in the face of criticism from others?  
**4.** John was 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness' announcing confidently to those in the wilderness that they must not despair because God's grace may come to them at any moment. Have you had the experience of being in the wilderness, feeling lost? From whom did you hear a voice of hope? Have you been able to give hope to other people INTERCOM



## BAPTISMS

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

**Tomas David O'Brien**, son of Muirean & Pierce, The Drive, Broadale.

**Oliver Michael Gillen**, son of Sarah & Michael, Oakview, Douglas.

**Chloe Jean Kenneally**, daughter of Michael & Carol, Courtwood, Garryduff.

## DEATHS

The death took place of : **Claire Bluett**, Douglas Road, dearly loved wife of Vincent and much loved mother of Laura, Jean and the late David. May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh si.

## News Desk

**Finance:** Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€3298**. St. Patrick's: **€1270**. Many Thanks for your generosity.

### Christmas Penitential Services

**St. Columba's:** Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 10.00am **St. Patrick's:** Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 7.30pm.

### Mass Times Sat 23 / Sun 24 Dec

St. Columba's: 6.00V, 9.30am 11.00am **NO 12.15PM** St. Patrick's: **11.00am only.**

### Christmas Masses in Douglas

#### St Columba's:

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Christmas Eve:** 6.00pm (Vigil) 7.15pm, (Vigil) 9.00pm  
**Christmas Day:** 9.30am 11.00am 12.15pm  
**After Christmas Weekday Masses : Tues. 26 Dec. 11am From Wed. 27 Dec: 10.00am**  
**St. Patrick's:**  
**Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Christmas Eve** 6.30pm (Vigil) 10.00pm  
**Christmas Day** 9.30am 11.00am 12.30pm  
**After Christmas Weekday Masses** Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> Dec – Fri 29<sup>th</sup>: 11.00am

### 10 Years of Service to Music in St. Patricks

We are sorry to announce that **AVRIL McCARTHY**, who has been involved with St. Patrick's Children's/Youth Choir, has decided to discontinue with the Choir.

Avril has given her time and talent so generously to the Youth Choir. We in St. Patrick's Community, experienced first hand, the contribution the Youth Choir made to our different liturgical celebrations.

So many parents deeply appreciate all the help and guidance she has given the children.

On that note, we know you will be sorry to see Avril move on from us, but we also have to respect her decision in this matter.

On behalf of all of us in St. Patrick's and in St. Columba's, we thank Avril again and wish her all the best for the future. Fr. Teddy & Fr. Pat.



### Christmas Speciliaties

Prepared Cooked /RawTurkey Breast available, Spiced Beef, Roast Duck, Full Baked Ham and ½ Baked Ham also available.

Seasonal Stuffings, Selection of Potatoes & Veg  
Christmas Log, Mince Pies.

Main Courses & Desserts available

## Book Now!

### Open

**Mon – Fri 9am – 6pm**

**Sat. 9am – 4.30pm**

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