

Douglas Rochestown Parish

Newsletter

24 December 2017



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Fr. Teddy and Fr. Pat wish all our parishioners a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a good New Year. *Nollaig Shona díbh go léir!*

BAPTISMS

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

Isaac Udeh, son of Suzan & Ikechukwu, Calderwood Road. Donnybrook.

Aidan Maro James Crowley, son of Marta & Michael Welwyne Road.

Tom Jeremiah Lehane-Murphy. Son of Marguerite & Stephen Clarkes Wood.

Fionn Kevin Moloney-Lowther, son of Karen & Keith, Manor Rise, Thornbury Heights.

DEATHS

The death took place of : **Maud McSweeney**, beloved wife of the late Donal. Sadly missed by her loving daughters Rhona and Mary, May she rest in peace. *Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh si.*

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Christmas Masses in Douglas



St Columba's:

Sun. 24th 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. 24th Dec. Christmas Eve 6.30pm (Vigil) 10.00pm

Christmas Day 9.30am 11.00am 12.30pm

After Christmas Weekday Masses: Tues. 26th Dec Thurs. 29th: 11.00am.
Fri 30th: 9.30am

Office Hours Christmas 2017 – St. Columba's : Reopening: Tues. 2nd Jan.

Christmas Concert - St Patricks, Sun Dec 10th. The sum of **€3,000** was collected at the concert. **Many thanks** for your generosity. All proceeds to Cork Arc & SHEP (Social & Health Education Project, **Nepal Community Project**).

CRIB OFFERINGS CHRISTMAS 2017: This year's Crib offerings in St. Columba's will be sent to **St. Paul's School, COPE FOUNDATION.**

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Luke 1:26-38

1. We are all favoured ones and God is with us. Sometimes we are more aware of this than others. How have you experienced being a favoured person, one blessed by God? How have you experienced God's presence? Who has been Gabriel to you – a messenger of good news?
2. 'Do not be afraid.' Mary was perplexed by the words of the angel. Perhaps you too have sometimes been perplexed by life's path and wondered what it all meant. Perhaps at times you have doubted if God was really with you. In your troubled moments who has been an 'angel' helping to lower your anxiety?
3. Mary was taken by surprise by the invitation, but she did not tell the angel she was not ready, nor ask him to return later. She was prepared to go with the invitation even though it was not the 'right moment'. 'Here I am Lord.' What invitations have come to you at the 'wrong time' and how have you responded?
4. Mary's response serves as a model for us – she is one who says 'yes' to what life offers. What is it like for you to say 'yes' to life? Perhaps at this moment in your life you are being invited to say 'Here I am, Lord'?

NOTICES

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus This trip of a lifetime (fully guided) will take place from April 20th-28th 2018. Highlights include: A boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, visits to Nazareth, Cana, Jericho, The Dead Sea, Jerusalem, The Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, etc. The trip includes: Return flights ex Cork, a comprehensive daily programme, entrance fees, 4* Hotels, dinner bed and breakfast throughout. Spiritual Director Fr Liam Crowley. For further Information and details please contact MAP Travel 01-8783111 or Tour Manager Jim Keogh 021 4885371 Mobile 087 2678793. Please note that places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork. May 31st to June 7th 2018. Spitiual Director Fr. Sean Corkery. €719.00pps . €200 deposit secures place. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy or medjugorjecork@icloud.com An interpreter will be accompanying this pilgrimage for members of the deaf community.