



Douglas / Rochestown Parish

St Columba's
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Mass Times
Sat Vigil: 6pm
Sun: 9.30am, 11am & 12.15pm

St Patrick's,
Tel: 021 489 6797 (Office)
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Mass Times
Sun: 11am & 12.30pm

31st December 2017



Notices

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 13:33-37

1. The coming of the Lord is not just the moment of death, but any moment of grace. Recall unexpected graces – good things that happened when they were not anticipated.

2. Perhaps some of these were moments when you were particularly alert and aware of what was going on in you and around you, and this enabled you to be open to the moment of grace. Recall the contrast with moments when that alertness and awareness were not present.

3. The servants were given charge of the household 'each with their own job'. Identify with the servants as people given a responsibility within the household of God's people. What has it been like for you when you have been shown trust in this way by another person? What is it like for you to see yourself trusted in this way by God?

4. Jesus says that what he is saying to his disciples he is saying to all. Have there been times when you have been a messenger of hope to others, encouraging them to wait for a moment of grace. Who have been the ones to encourage you?

Care -Ring Douglas offers a friendly phone call service to people who live alone. A friendly social call keeping people in touch with activities and services in the community. Contact: Phil Goodman 0872987161. philgoodman01@gmail.com



SPECIALY COMMISSIONED WMOF2018 ICON OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The icon of the Holy Family was specially commissioned by WMOF2018, written by iconographer Mihai Cucu, and assisted by the Redemptoristine Sisters of the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Iona Road, Dublin, as part of their ongoing prayer for families. The icon was unveiled and anointed on the 21st August 2017, during the launch of the one-year programme of preparation at the National Novena in Knock, Ireland.

Copies of the Icon will be distributed by members of the Parish Assembly during Mass times this weekend.

News Desk

Finance Offertory Collection Sunday 17th: St. Columba's: **€3209** . St. Patrick's **€1700**. Many Thanks for your generosity

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, Sat. 6TH JANUARY '18

Mass Times

St. Columba's: Fri 5th 6.00pm (Vigil) Saturday: 10.00am

St. Patrick's: 9.30am-

Offices re-opening Tues 3^h Jan '18

FIRST FRIDAY 5 Jan. '18 St. Columba's: St. Padre Pio Prayers before 10.00am Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10.00 am Mass until 1.00 pm. All are very welcome. **Alliance of the Two Hearts** will keep vigil from 1pm – 3pm in Parish Centre

Christmas Leftovers

Is your house full of surplus gifts after Christmas? If so, you might like to donate some items suitable for mothers and fathers, which the Parish Assembly will collect in January and pass on to **Edel House & Direct Provision**. There will be a basket by the crib in each church after Mass on Sundays 7th & 14th January to facilitate this collection.

THANK YOU

Well done to the numerous people and groups who helped organize all the Christmas ceremonies in both churches. The church choirs, folk group, youth group, and enthusiastic congregations provided great music and singing. The altar societies ensured beautiful flowers and decorations were done. Thanks to those who erected and decorated the cribs in both churches. All the Ministers of the Word and Eucharist were available to assist with large attendances. Our church volunteers ensure that our churches are clean and welcoming. The altar servers were great as always. The church collectors and dues collectors, do a great job. Thank you to Catherine & Mary (St. Columba's) and Breda (St. Patrick's). Thanks also to Tim & Eileen (St. Columba's), and to Kevin, printer. Special thanks to Parish Assembly members for their enthusiasm and dedication to the parish.

"As we journey through the year no matter what it holds, there will be a light to lead us as each week unfolds. Through the wonder of the seasons and the beauty too, God will always walk beside us guiding all we do. In the springtime and the winter as we travel on our way, God will plant new hope within us, growing day by day"

Iris Hesselden