

Douglas / Rochestown Parish

14 Jan 2018



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

St. Columba's, Douglas



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Mass Times
Sun: 11am & 12.30pm

St. Patrick's, Rochestown

BAPTISMS

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

Anna Edel Walsh, daughter of Helen & David, Westgrove, Donnybrook.
Bonnie Rose Quinlan, daughter of Margot & Eoin, Yewlands, Maryborough Woods.
Siún Catherine Crowley, daughter of Deirdre & Kenneth, Lissadell, Maryborough Hill.
Markas Kajus Barsauskas, son of Simona & Zydrunas, Amberley Grove, Grange.
Ailbhe Anne Horgan, daughter of Maeve & Christopher, Rowan Hill.
Annabelle Rose Long, daughter of Alison & Kevin, Dublin.

WEDDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following who were married recently: **Aileen Cronin**, Kiltegan & **Jonathan Andrews**, UK.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Norma O'Sullivan**, Carrigaline, beloved mother of Sarah, Patrick & Lucy. *May she rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh si.*

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the Parish is extended to **Betty Murphy**, Shamrock Lawn. on the recent death of her brother, **Pat Walsh**, Kildorrery

News Desk

Finance The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's €3288 St. Patrick's : €1608
Many Thanks for your generosity. **2nd collection next weekend 14th January in aid of the Diocese.**

Minsters of the Eucharist Nursing Home Volunteers Urgently Required

If you would like to volunteer as Minister of the Eucharist in the Nursing Homes, please contact the Parish Office. 021 4894128.

Thank you from Direct Provision

Thank you so much for your lovely gifts for our children. If you could only see their exited faces when they opened a present that had their own name on it! May God & Mother Mary bless you. *Veronique (from Congo).*

THE DEEP END: Come and see

Today is the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, and this year's theme is 'Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees'.

In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis spoke of our responsibility, as individuals, communities and Church, to welcome everyone, particularly those who have been forced to leave their home in search of a better future.

'Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age ... This is a great responsibility, which the Church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities.'

Pope Francis has spoken often of our 'brotherly responsibility' towards our fellow human beings, and how our welcome ought to be a response to the Lord's supreme commandment to love the other, the stranger, as ourselves. We all have opportunities to do this in our communities.

In today's gospel Jesus invites the disciples to 'come and see' where he lives. He welcomes them into his home and they stay with him for the rest of the day. The example of Jesus encourages us to be welcoming, to extend a warm invitation, and to spend time with others in friendship.

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Notices

The President & Members of the Douglas & District Lions Club wish to thank sincerely all who donated and gave food items to their recent Christmas Food Appeal in the shopping centres in Douglas, which was a great success. Thanks to the generosity of all the shoppers, which enabled the club to help so many people in the community and wider community this Christmas. A special thank you to all the volunteer collectors for helping the Lions, the staff and management of the shopping centres, to Catherine in the Parish Office and the priests of the parishes for highlighting the Appeal at Masses. Thank you also to the local businesses and all who sent donations and everybody who was associated with the Appeal. Happy New Year to all! *Douglas & District Lions Club.*

Douglas Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Performing at the 12.15 Mass next weekend – 21 Jan.

Care -Ring Douglas offers a friendly phone call service to people who live alone or in isolated circumstances. It is a friendly social call keeping people in touch with activities and services in the community. For more info: Phil Goodman -087-2987161. philgoodman01@gmail.com

"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

St. Padre Pio