

# Douglas / Rochestown Parish

7 Jan 2018



**St Columba's**  
Tel: 021 489 4128 (Office)  
Mobile: 087 2617143

**Mass Times**  
Sat Vigil: 6pm  
Sun: 9.30am, 11am & 12.15pm

**St. Columba's, Douglas**



**St Patrick's,**  
Tel: 021 489 6797 (Office)  
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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:

**Saoirse Mairead Harney**, daughter of Jennifer & John, Kentucky & Douglas.

**Conor James Casey**, son of Jennifer & Tim, Hillcourt, Donnybrook.

**Lucy Grace Clarke**, daughter of Jennifer & James, Kiltegan Lawn.

**Neasa Aisling Donegan**, daughter of Rathnait & Mark, Mass. USA & Douglas.

**Daniel Luke Collins**, son of Estelle & Conor, Dublin.

**Liam Ciaran Fee**, son of James & Niamh, Ballinlough.

**Fiadh Noreen Condon**, daughter of Keara & Jerome. Maryborough Ridge.

## WEDDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following who were married recently: **Eva Toal**, Grange & **John Friel**, Donegal. **Katie Duggan**, Frankfield and **Michael Hubbert** Rosscarbery. **Lorraine Bray** and **Shane Nevin**, Carrigaline. **Ann-Marie Cadogan** & **Niall O'Sullivan**, Maryborough Hill.

## DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Eileen Dennehy**, Douglas West, dearly loved wife of the late Paddy and loving mother of Mona Helen and Pat. **Joe Cunnane**, Elm Court, Douglas, dearly beloved husband of Eileen, much loved father of Liam, Eanna, Brendan and Cillian. **Brendan O'Neill**, Earlwood Estate, the Lough, Sadly missed by his loving sister Sylvia. **Marjorie Dineen**, Lime Trees Road, beloved wife of Pat and loving mother of Pdraig, Denis, Brendan, Ferghal, Ruairi, Maeve, Oisín and Ronan. **Albert Crowley**, **Rochestown Rd.**, Husband of Meghan & dear father of Meghan & Luke. **Phil (Eileen) Doyle**, **Rochestown** dearly beloved wife of the late Tom & loving mother of the late Paul & John. *May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.*

## News Desk

**Finance** The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's €2926 St. Patrick's : €1551  
Many Thanks for your generosity.

**GO RAIBH MAITH AGAIBH.** Many thanks to all for your tremendous generosity to the Christmas Collection for the support of the priests of the parish. Thank you also for your continuous generosity in the Christmas Dues. Fr. Teddy and Fr. Pat would like to thank you sincerely for your generosity, loyalty, encouragement and kindness during to 2017.

### THE DEEP END:

#### A Searching God

*He came in search of John. He came in search of baptism. He came in search of blessing. He came in search of the Spirit. He came in search of God's favour. He came in search of God's love.*

The first active step that Jesus takes as he begins his ministry is to search. He journeys from Nazareth to the River Jordan to find John, in order to be baptised. While John feels he is 'not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals', Jesus still seeks him out. He needs this moment of baptism and blessing to begin his ministry. This is his moment of divine calling and endorsement from the Father: 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

We know what it is like to search. We yearn for meaning, for love, and our hearts are always searching for God. Today's first reading from Isaiah speaks of this great thirst: 'Oh come to the water all you who are thirsty'; 'Seek the Lord while he is still to be found'. We must seek constantly to bring ourselves into the presence of God, who will give us his blessing and strength for the road ahead.

*'You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless, until they can find rest in you.'*

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## Notices

**Saint Vincent De Paul Christmas Church Gate Collection. 2017**

St. Columba's: €8283. St.

Patrick's: €4120.

Next church gate collection:

**Sat 6 /Sun 7 January.** We would

like to thank everybody most sincerely for your continued support and generosity.

**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

### A New Year With The Lord

*A new year is about to unfold  
With new opportunities to  
explore*

*Doors will open for new  
experiences,*

*New adventures with the Lord  
Remember not the former things,*

*The things of this past year,*

*The Lord will do new things in us,*

*Much more than we are aware*

*For He will make a way for us*

*As we put our trust in Him*

*And He will guide our every step*

*By His presence we have within*

*What God has placed within our  
hearts,*

*We find we'll be able to do*

*If we look for the opportunities,*

*We'll see the door to go through*

*We mustn't let anything hold us  
back*

*But rise up and take our place*

*And be all that God wants us to  
be*

*With a fresh touch of His grace*