

Douglas / Rochestown Parish

4 February 2018



St Columba's
Tel: 021 489 4128 (Office)
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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:
Alan, Michael James O'Connor, son of Julie & Alan, Clifton, Grange

WEDDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following who were married recently: **Moira Fox**, Tipperary,
Stephen Power, Limerick.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Michael Mulchrone, Inchvale Drive,**
on the recent death of his brother, Tony Mulchrone, London.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **John O'Mahony**, Douglas, beloved father of Richard, Chris, Deirdre, Grace and dear brother of Anna and the late Mary. **Liam Higgins**, Shamrock Lawn, beloved husband of Bridie and loving father of Patrick and Mary. **Olive Allman**, Douglas West, beloved wife of Brian and much loved mother of Brian, Mandy and Alan. May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

News Desk

Finance The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's €3142 St. Patrick's : €1180
Many Thanks for your generosity. **2nd Collection next weekend: Lourdes Invalid Fund.**

St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown -Gaudate Choir

New members urgently required. Soprano/Alto/Tenor/Bass. **No Audition required.**
Practice every Tuesday 7.45pm – 9.30pm. **Open Choir Night next Tuesday 6th Feb. @ 7.45pm** in St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown. All welcome!

Cork & Ross Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018 – 11 – 16 June . 5 Nights, Full Board accommodation. Joe Walsh Tours. Patrick St. Tel: 021 4277959. Enquires for Special Sick/Assisted Section to: V. Rev. Canon James O'Donovan, (Pilgrimage Director) Parochial House, Ballinlough.

Lourdes 2018–Young Adult Helpers. The Diocese of Cork and Ross invites Young Adults 18-25 year olds to come to Lourdes as helpers from 11 -16 June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme as well as time for prayer, for making new friends and sharing in the story of Lourdes. Limited number of places. Closing date: 28th Feb. further info: Fr. Charlie Kiely 021-4537603, Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballyphehane. or email: charliekiely@gmail.com

Cork Scripture Group Invitation for following course: Title: *The Gospel of Mark: Exploring the earliest of the Gospels.* Facilitators: **Mons Ned Goold, Marian Mortell, Fr Seán O'Sullivan and Phil Mortell**
Mons 19, 26th Feb, 5, 12th Mar. 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. in Scala Centre, Blackrock.

Saturday Workshop: *Gospel Perspectives on Family* facilitated by **Dr Jessie Rogers (Maynooth)**. Sat Feb 24, 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road. Cost: €50 [for the 4 nights and Saturday workshop] Cost for the workshop only: €10. To book a place or for more info: please *email* or phone 021-4295144 before 12th Feb.

Audio Library for National Council for the Blind: Church Gate Collection next weekend 10th/11 Feb.

Notices

Cork Marriage & Family Counselling Centre for Marriage & Family Counselling Call 021-4275678 to set up a preliminary appointment. Professional, confidential, and experienced clinicians, supported by the **Diocese of Cork & Ross, the Dept. for Children, & The HSE.**

Life in the Spirit Seminars
Discover a personal relationship with The Lord. Knockavilla Community Centre, each Friday at 7.30pm. Feb 2 – Mar 23. Contact: 086 0875625.

Alzheimer Society of Ireland Cork Branch, Saturday Club, Sat 10 Feb at Bessboro Day Care Centre. 2pm - 4pm. Live Music with *Gerladine & Friends*. Light refreshments. Free Admission. All welcome. 021 4972504.

MUSINGS: In speaking about the merciful outreach of the Church, in his first official interview with the Jesuit Antonio Spadaro, Pope Francis compared the Church to a field hospital: ***'I see the church as a field hospital after battle... the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity.'*** Using simple but effective imagery, he brings home his point that before getting into details about the dos and don'ts of the Christian life, it's important to make sure we are conveying the central message and reality: ***'it is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds ... And you have to start from the ground up.'*** Intercom