



# Douglas / Rochestown Parish

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

20 January 2019



## Notices

**Young at Heart Afternoon Tea Dance 3rd feb from 3 – 5. 30 in Douglas GAA Hall** Music by Johnny Carroll the man with the golden trumpet and his band. Tickets €10 available from Pro Musica and Phil Goodman 087 2987161

**The President & Members Of Douglas & District Lions Club Recent Christmas Food Appeal- Thank You to:**

1. The management & staff of the 3 main shopping centres in Douglas, for facilitating the collections every year.
2. The priests of the parishes, parish office staff for advertising the Appeal and The Douglas Post.
3. Volunteer collectors without whose help the Lions couldn't manage.
4. Businesses who contributed to the appeal.
5. Barrys Teas who donate teas every Christmas
6. The members of the Cork Sugar Craft for donating over 200 novelty Christmas cakes.
7. Last but not least, the very generous shoppers for making the appeal a huge success which helped greatly to make Christmas a little easier for so many families. Thank You and Happy New Year to all.

**Cork Alzheimers Café Friday 25th January 2019 - 1.30-- 3.30 pm** in St Finbarrs Hospital, Light refreshments. All welcome.

**Bridge Lessons for Beginners**, start Wed 23 10:00am & 7:30pm- Mills Bridge Club, call David 086 8276699.

## BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian Community those who were baptised recently:  
**Grace Catherine Helen Sadecki**, daughter of Leona & Stefan Douglas & NSW, Australia

## DEATHS

The death took place of: **John Martin Burke**, Cross Douglas Road, beloved husband of Jeannette and loving father of John, Alan, Valerie, Gillian and Ken, dear brother of the late Jo. May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sé.

## News Desk

### Finance

The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€3175**. St. Patrick's **€1335**. Many Thanks for your generosity.

**Second collection** all Masses this weekend in aid of **Diocesan Needs**.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from **18 – 25 January**. This weekend we welcome clergy from other Christian churches in the Douglas area. **The Venerable Archdeacon Adrian Wilkinson, Rector of St. Lukes** will speak at the 6pm Mass on Saturday evening. **The Reverend David Bowles, Curate of St. Lukes**, will speak at the 9.30am on Sunday morning. **The Reverend Geraldine Gracie, Ardfallen Methodist Church**, will speak at the 11.00am Mass

**Douglas Meals-on-Wheels** operating in the community centre, serves Douglas, Rochestown, Grange and Frankfield. They are **urgently** looking for volunteers to fill Accounts/Administrative roles. If you can spare 2 hours/week or fortnight, or 2 hours a month on a Friday from 10-12 am it would be greatly appreciated. Contact or phone 4894955, office hours 9-13 Mon-Fri."

**Douglas Parish** inviting New Ministers of the Word & Ministers of the Eucharist If you are interested in becoming a Minister of the Word or Minister of the Eucharist, please contact the Parish Offices: St. Columba's: 021 4894128 St. Patrick's: 021 4896797.

### THE DEEP END: 'The First of His Signs'

This is a familiar story, rich in symbolism. It is the first 'sign' recorded in John's Gospel. These 'signs' in John's Gospel are miracle stories but John prefers to use the term 'sign,' as they point to something far more than just the miracle itself. John used these signs to encourage belief in his readers but they are also an invitation for us to understand something more of how God operates in our lives.

Jesus transforms the water which would be used for the Jewish purification rite. He takes something used to give life to people, and transforms it into something which brings joy, celebration and new life to the party. There are many messages we can take from this account: the ability of God to transform our lives, to transform that which is dead and stale. The abundance of wine (approx. 700 litres!) is a significant reminder of the abundance of God's love for us, beyond our comprehension.

We could also focus on the role of Mary in this Gospel – she is the one who notices, she is attentive to the needs of those around her and brings this concern to Jesus. We might pray today that we too may be able to notice, to see, to intervene when we are faced with situations that need attention. This may be a situation of injustice or it may be a situation where something in our own lives or in our church has become dead and stale and is in desperate need of new wine.

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