

Douglas / Rochestown Parish

Sunday 6 January 2019

Feast of the Epiphany

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BAPTISMS

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

Jane Catherine Uniacke, daughter of Deirdre & Aidan, Ard Keale, Mount Oval.

Liam Conor & Abigail Mary McGuire, son & daughter of Rebecca & Andrew, Spur Hill, Togher.

James Patrick Tobin, son of Sharon & Joe, Greenvalley, Donnybrook.

Harry Michael Corrigan, son of Lisa & Kevin, Maryborough Ridge.

Aoibheann Beth Keating, daughter of Gail & David, Grange, Douglas.

Annabel Eve Ryan, daughter of Jennifer & Trevor, Ardfield Meadows, Grange

WEDDINGS - CONGRATULATIONS to the following who were married recently: **Mary Lelia Kenny**, Rochestown and **David Sheridan**, Athboy, Co. Meath

DEATHS - The deaths took place of the following: **Joe Nolan**, Maryborough, dearly loved husband of the late Angela, loving father of Colum, Deirdre, Donal, Eithne, Desmond, Kevin, Sinéad and the late Dermot and Aileen. **Mary Kearney**, Maryborough, Dearly loved wife of the late Sean and much loved mother of Gary and Niall. **Norman Coleman**, Douglas, loving husband of Ann, dearly loved father of Brendan, Barry, Norman and Conor. **Diarmuid O'Donovan**, Rochestown Rise, dearly loved husband of Katie, adored father of Trudy & Derry. **Hilary Sullivan**, Grange Erin, & Rochestown Road, Eternally resting with her loving husband Brian, daughter Sandra and her son Derek. Fondly remembered and sadly missed by her loving children Susan, Brian, Kevin, Niall and Hilary, May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

SYMPATHY - The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Terry Egar**, Maryborough, on the recent death of her sister, **Imelda Scott**, UK.

NEWS DESK

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 2018.

Direct Provision - On a January day, 4 years ago, a little 8-year old come to me in Direct Provision with a sad complaint that the real Santa never came to her (having heard what classmates had got!), For the past 4 years, you in Douglas /Rochestown have filled that vacuum! Thank you so much. **Sr. Frances.**

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Matthew 2:1-12

1. The magi came from the east, hoping to meet Jesus and guided by a star. On your life's journey what are the hopes that inspire you, and what stars guide your steps? Name them for yourself.
2. The magi travelled together. Who have been your companions on life's journey? What has it been like when you have realized that you had companionship along the road? What made you conscious of that companionship? How was it demonstrated?
3. The magi lost sight of the star for a while. What clouds obscure the star that guides your life? Think of those to whom you have turned to get a renewed sense of direction. Perhaps some, like Herod, gave bad advice, but others were wise guides. Remember with particular gratitude those who warned you about dangers on the road and helped you set off with confidence on the right road again.
4. Eventually the magi had the joy of meeting Jesus. In the Epiphany we celebrate God made visible to all humanity. What encounters have you had in life that left you with the sense that God was in what had happened? How did these meetings help you as you, like the magi, 'returned to your own country'? **Intercom**

Dear Lord,

We pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You. May we take the time to get to know You. Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us and use them to serve You and spread Your word,

May we also see and love you in all the people we meet, so that in turn, they can see You in us. We know that all human relations take time if they are to grow and deepen.

This is also true of our relations with You, the Father and the Holy Spirit, which must grow over the course of our lives. In this new year, let us realise that every action of ours no matter how great or small enables us to be in touch with You. Let us accept You in our lives, in the way it pleases You, as Truth, to be spoken, as Life, to be lived, as Light, to be lighted, as Love, to be followed, as Joy, to be given, as Peace, to be spread about, as Sacrifice, to be offered among our relatives, friends, neighbours and all people.