



**St. Columba's Church,
Douglas**

021-489 4128 (Office)
087-261 7143

Sunday Mass

6 pm Sun 9.30, 11.00 &
12.15



Douglas/Rochestown Parish

Sunday 28 April 2019

**St. Patrick's Church
Rochestown**

021-489 6797 (Office)
087-638 8655

Sunday Mass

Sun 11.00 and 12.30

www.rochestownparish.ie



Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies in both churches. To the altar societies and those who prepared the altars of repose and Easter gardens, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, choirs, music groups, altar servers, church collectors, volunteer cleaners, sacristans and office staff. During the Holy Week ceremonies, the dedicated work and loyalty of numerous people generates a beautiful atmosphere of prayer and joy.

The Priests of the Parish wish to thank you all for your generosity in both the Easter Dues and Easter collection at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. It is deeply appreciated by the priests of the parish.

News Desk

FIRST FRIDAY 3 May '19 St. Columba's: St. Padre Pio Prayers before 10.00am Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after

Mass from: 10.30am until 11.30AM. Alliance of The Sacred of Jesus & The Immaculate Heart of Mary will keep vigil from 11.30AM – 1pm.

Visitation of the Sick

The priests of the parish are happy to visit the sick and housebound on the First Friday of every month. If you know of anybody who would like a visit, please pass on the word to one of the priests.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society – Douglas Branch

Meeting after 10.00am Mass on Monday 1st April, in Parish Centre. Members pray for and assist financially, students for the priesthood. All welcome.

Thursday 2nd May No 10.00am Mass. Confirmations @ 10.30am.

TROCAIRE BOXES: Please return Trocaire Boxes

The Deep End 28 April 2019 • Divine Mercy Sunday

It's perfectly understandable: Thomas is having trouble believing that Jesus has returned to be with his friends again. The disciples, who witnessed Jesus' arrest, torture, death and burial, are now talking about having seen Jesus in the flesh again. It sounds impossible. Thomas was not there when Jesus first appeared to the disciples, so of course he is doubtful.

Thomas' moment of doubt earned him the nickname 'Doubting Thomas', and I sometimes think this is a little unfair. Or rather, I feel that Thomas' wobble of faith does not necessarily cast him in a negative light – it makes him easier to relate to. He is grieving after the death of his master and friend. He is not ready to hear the words of comfort and consolation offered by the others, when they tell him 'We have seen the Lord.' His pain is too deep. He can't believe it, or won't believe it, until he experiences it for himself. And when he does finally encounter Jesus, an agonising eight days later, his declaration of faith is swift: 'My Lord and my God!' We can almost hear the relief and joy in this exclamation.

We all know that life can be painful and messy at times. It can be hard to hang onto our faith when we are in pain, or grieving, or anxious. It might be difficult to accept the assurances of others that God is with us and will help us through it. We might also struggle to pray. In dark times, sometimes we just can't see the light. Thomas is a saint for those times of darkness and doubt. In our darkest days, may we, like Thomas, encounter the healing presence of the Risen Christ. **Intercom**

Medjugorje Conference and Day of Prayer with Sr. Briege Mckenna Sat 31 Aug Neptune

Stadium, Cork. Tickets €20 available on Evenbrite.ie. Enter discount code **EARLYBIRD** for discount price of €15 available until 31 May. All tickets purchased included in entry for free pilgrimage to Medjugorje - Cork/ Dublin. Booking fees apply. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 086 2959380

Newsletter is available on-line For those living away from home. Check out:

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

Notices

28 April 2019 • Divine Mercy Sunday

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were afraid? To whom have you been able to bring peace?
2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What positive part have doubting and questioning played in your life? How have such moments helped you to know that your life is worthwhile? How have questions and doubts strengthened your faith?
3. Note the way that Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because Thomas doubted. He accepted how Thomas felt, and led him along to see the truth of the resurrection. Who has been that kind of teacher for you, gently meeting you where you were and leading you to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?
4. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having to justify every step along the way. What was it like? **Intercom**

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