



Douglas / Rochestown Parish

St Columba's
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Mass Times
Sat Vigil: 6pm
Sun: 9.30am, 11am &
12.15pm

St Patrick's,
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Mass Times
Sun: 11am & 12.30pm

31 March 2019



Notices

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian Community those who were baptised recently:

Riley Catherine O'Regan, daughter of Brian & Jillian, Broomfield Village, Midleton.

Seren Moloney, daughter of Lauren & Michael, Inchvale Road.

Casey Hayley McCarthy, daughter of Amanda & David, Glencurrig, Sth. Douglas Road

Oisín Andrew O'Sullivan, son of Kathy & Conor, Maryborough Ridge.

Fiadh Helen Kearin, daughter of Rebecca & Colm, The Drive, Broadale.

WEDDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following who were married recently: **Fiona Costello & Niall Weldon**, Maryborough Woods.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Kathleen Murphy**, Calderwood Road, beloved wife of Arthur and loving mother of Olan, Katherine (Donnellan), Liam, Henry and the late Ray. **Oliver Browne**, Melbourne, Donnybrook, dearly loved husband of Anna and much loved dad of Olga, Lorna and Kieran May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish community is extended to: **Edel Regan**, Rochestown on the death of her mother **Esther Regan**, Goatstown, Dublin

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society – Douglas Branch

Meeting after 10.00am
Mass on Monday 8 April, in Parish Centre. Members pray for and assist financially, students for the priesthood. All welcome.

Young at Heart Afternoon

Tea Dance, Sunday 7 April from 3 to 6pm 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

Matt Talbot Novena, organised by Cork Pioneers, continues in The Way of the Cross Church, Togher. On Mon 1st April. Preacher: **David Hoey**, Cork Street Pastors Mass and Novena prayers will begin at 7.30 p.m

The Anchorage Institute a (over 5 Sats. Mar -july 10am-4pm) learning to listen with the heart-Northridge House education & Research Centre, St. Luke's Home, Mahon.

NEWS DESK

Finance : The Offertory Collection last Sunday: **St. Columba's: €3020 . St. Patrick's: €1340** . Many thanks for your generosity.

FIRST FRIDAY 5 April'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

Easter/Spring Dues envelopes now ready for collection in Parish Office.

DIACONATE JOURNEY

The longest journey must begin with the first step, and so it was for me. Following my attendance at a number of liturgies celebrating the call to service, organised by the our parish cluster and supported by the pastoral development office set in train a response from within, a nagging, a questioning? Perhaps the Lord was calling on me to reflect on a wider call to serve. An opportunity arose and with the support of Rena (my wife) I began my Diaconate journey in autumn 2013. It was a journey into the unknown, but one to which I felt compelled to explore. After a year of discernment and again supported by my family I was accepted as a candidate for the Permanent Diaconate. Now 13 strong and representing four Munster dioceses' we enrolled as students of St Patricks collage Maynooth, and commenced our course of studies over three academic years which with bishop, John's blessing culminated in my Ordination in September 2017. I now serve as Deacon in the Lough and Ballineaspiga parishes.

The journey has enriched my family, spiritual, and professional life. Some of the subjects studied included Scripture, Theology, Liturgy, Law & Church History. I am sure you have all heard the saying that it takes a village to rear a child. In my case I can testify that it takes a parish community to foster a Diaconate vocation. I am humbled and will be forever grateful for the prayers, encouragement, and wisdom of many, including our Diocesan support group.

The symbol of the Diaconate is the basin and the towel, a reminder to the Deacon that he is at the service of the worshiping community from which he came. With trust in the Lord and guided by the Spirit, supported by family, and my parish communities, my hope is that I shall prove worthy.

Frank Mc Kevitt

