



Douglas / Rochestown Parish

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

St Patrick's,
Tel: 021 489 6797
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Mass Times
Sun: 11am & 12.30pm

7th April 2019



Notices

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian Community those who were baptised recently:
Jack Liam Hartnett, son of Claire & Christopher, Hazel Hill, Maryborough Ridge.
Lucy Murphy, daughter of Rachel & Andrew, Calderwood Road, Donnybrook

DEATHS

The death took place of: John Cotter, Rochestown, dearly loved husband of Ida, loving father of Helen Sean, Fiona and Una . May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh se.

NEWS DESK

Finance : The Offertory Collection last Sunday: **St. Columba's: €2872 . St. Patrick's: €1250 .** Many thanks for your generosity.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society – Douglas Branch

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

New Parish Assembly

Nomination forms for New Parish Assembly should be returned to the Parish Office St Columba Church, Douglas or to the Office in St Patrick's Rochestown. Names can also be simply emailed to parishofdouglas@gmail.com . St Columba's Tel. No:(021 4894128. St.Parick's: 021 4896797.

Holy Hour to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life - Thursday 11th April from 7pm to 8pm at the Presentation Brothers house, Maiville, Turner's Cross. All welcome – cup of tea to follow.

Is God calling you to be a priest in our diocese? Come to our information session on Sunday 12th May from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at the Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballyphehane. Contact Fr Charlie Kiely 021 4537474

The Deep End Don't look back

'No need to recall the past, No need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed...' (Isaiah 43: 18-19)
'All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead...' (Phil 3:13)
These poignant words taken from today's first and second readings provide the perfect preamble to our dramatic Gospel reading. Perhaps the line that is most often quoted from the story of the woman caught in adultery is Jesus' challenge to the crowd who bring her before them: 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' It is a challenge to all of us to look inward before we 'cast stones' to judge others. But there is another equally powerful statement here by Jesus, this time to the woman herself. It is delivered quietly, when she is left alone with Jesus after all her accusers have drifted away: 'Neither do I condemn you. Go away, and don't sin any more.' We notice that Jesus doesn't rake over the woman's past. He doesn't ask her about the claims of her accusers. He does not condemn or criticise her. Instead he accepts her, loves her, treats her with the respect and dignity that was so lacking in the mob, and gently nudges her forward into a new way of living.

Intercom

Young at Heart - Keep up with technology - Free I-Pad classes for 6 weeks - contact Phil Goodman tel: 0872987161 or email philgoodman01@gmail.com
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

Cork Flower Club -Tues 9th April at 8pm in Canon Pakenham Hall, Douglas. **Theme** 'Diamonds are Forever' with Eileen O Brien. €5.

60th Diamond Celebration - 26 April Maryborough Hotel - Sparkling Reception, Gala Dinner and Entertainment - €60. Tickets from Ann Hester tel 087 6169540.

Magic

*There is a Magic all around us
If we only use our eyes
There's enchantment in the springtime
In the fields and in the sky
There's a blessing in the west wind
As it whispers in the trees
There's a healing in the sunlight
And the murmur of the seas.
There is a magic in the morning
As we make another start
There is kindness all about us
And a smile can touch the heart
There is music in our laughter
and it cheers a rainy day
There is magic all around us
- Never let it slip away Iris Hesselden*