

St. Columba's Church Douglas/Rochestown Parish Rochestown **Douglas** 021-489 4128 (Office) 087-261 7143 **Sunday Mass**

Sunday 26 May 2019

St. Patrick's Churcl 021-489 6797 (Office)

Sunday Mass Sun 11.00 and 12.30

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BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently: Holly Grace Hurley, daughter of Katie & Jonathan, Grange Heights. Harriet Juyne Cahill, daughter of KAiofe & Andrew, Glenavon Crescent, Donnybrook. **Darragh Patrick Anderson**, son of Claire & Cia, Springbrook, Donnybrook. Clodagh Cronin, daughter of Andrea & Ciaran, Surrey, Uk & Rochestown Rise. Max Andrew Bernard McCarthy, son of Elaine & Wally, Spur Hill. Donnchadh Crowley, son of Clare & David, Clarkes Hill.

WEDDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following who were married recently: Mairead Dorney & **Brian Gilhooley,** Grange. We wish them a long and happy life together.

DEATHS

The death took place of: : Kennneth Wallace, Rochestown & Philadelphia, beloved only son of the late Marian and Paddy. Sadly missed by his aunts, uncles, cousins and a large circle of friends,. May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh se.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Deirder Quigley**, Trabeg Lawn, on the recent death of her mother, Imelda Sheppard, Dublin

News Desk

Finance: The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's :€2824. St. Patrick's €1362. Many Thanks for your generosity. 2nd Collection this weekend: World Meeting of Families.

Trocaire Collection in St. Patrick's amounted to €1541. Many thanks for your generous donations.

Ice cream Sunday in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland Sunday May 26th after both Masses in St Patrick's Rochestown.

The Deep End Sixth Sunday of Easter 26 May 2019

We will come to them

In a verse preceding today's Gospel, the disciples ask Jesus why he will not show the whole world who he is. It's an excellent question. Surely this whole faith-journey experience and relationship with God would be far easier if there were fireworks and clear instructions. Jesus' response to the disciples is: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.' This is the opening line of today's Gospel. It reminds us that what is required first is an inner relationship with God, so that God can come and make a home with us: 'we will come to them and make our home with them.' It is there where we discover who Jesus is.

The peace (shalom) that Jesus gives to the disciples has a much richer meaning than we might first think. This 'shalom' is not simply a good wish for a nice evening; it is, rather, a peace that this world cannot offer. It is a peace that comes from a loving relationship with God; a peace of body, of mind and of spirit. Jesus is asking the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They (and we) must be for others what Jesus has been for them. In this way we, and the world, will come to see who Jesus is. 'When we understand the essential unity of all that is, we discover the possibility of 'peace' - the kind of peace that in Hebrew is called shalom, and which is infinitely more than an absence of strife; it is the wholeness of the web of life itself and of every creature in it, held in the wholeness of the one God.' Intercom

Notices

Rosary at the Grotto, **Grange Park** each evening @ 7.30pm for Month of May.

Monthly Holy Hour to pray for vocations: Ursuline Convent, Blackrock (access from Convent Road), Mon 27th May, 7pm – 8pm. Cup of tea to follow. All are welcome.

Visiting Pietrelcina, San Giovanni Rotondo and the Shrine of St Michael the Archangel: 9-13 October '19. Cost €699 per person sharing. Spiritual director: Fr Ben Hodnett. Booking: Full details on www.marian.ie or Marian Pilgrimages 01-8788159.

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

'Instead of being just a church that welcomes and receives by keeping the doors open, let us try also to be a church that finds new roads, that is able to step outside itself and go to those who do not attend Mass, to those who have quit or are indifferent' Pope Francis