



**St. Columba's Church
Douglas**
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Sunday Mass
6 pm Sun 9.30, 11.00 &
12.15



Douglas/Rochestown Parish



**St. Patrick's Church
Rochestown**
021-489 6797
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12.30

www.rochestownparish.ie



BAPTISMS

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

Hannah Catherine Kennedy, daughter of Lynne & Paul, Grange Heights.

Aaliyah Mai Haughton, daughter of Klaudia & James, Church Road, Douglas

DEATHS

The death took place of: **Tom Hume**, Shamrock Lawn, beloved husband of the late Mary and loving father of Terry, Thomas, Ann, Martina and Gillian. May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sé.

News Desk

FINANCE

The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's : **€2717**. St. Patrick's: **€1512**. **2nd**

Collection World Meeting of Families:: St. Columba's: **€1809**. St. Patrick's: : **€770**. Many

Thanks for your generosity.

FIRST FRIDAY 7 June '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.

Parish Assembly: A huge Thank You to all who made ice cream Sunday such a success in St Patrick's last Sunday. €1.060 was raised for Down Syndrome Ireland.

The Deep End – Captain! My Captain!

The final scene of the movie, **Dead Poets Society**, is one of the most moving in modern cinema. Beloved teacher, Mr. Keating (played by the late Robin Williams), is saying a final farewell to his students, who have been inspired by his unorthodox teaching methods and his encouragement 'to make your lives extraordinary.' As he leaves the classroom, the students, in defiance of their strict headmaster, stand on their desks and salute him with the words 'O Captain! My Captain'-referring to a poem he taught them.

Goodbyes are often emotional, particularly if we know we might not see the other person again for a long time, if ever. In films and TV programmes, a farewell scene can be a pivotal moment, or even the climax of the drama. Sometimes, when characters say goodbye to each other, we see a shot of one of them left behind, bereft, gazing into the distance after their loved one. In this context, one line in today's first reading always grabs my attention: 'They were still staring into the sky.' The apostles had just witnessed Jesus being 'lifted up' and taken from their sight. They had lost him once with his death, and now they are losing him a second time, after precious time spent with him following his resurrection.

But the scene in today's first reading for the Ascension is no ordinary goodbye. It is not a dramatic scene written for a film script. In fact, Jesus does not seem to say goodbye at all. His last words are a promise to the disciples: the Holy Spirit will be with them as they set out on their mission. They have not been left alone. Intercom

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Luke 24:46-53

The Ascension of Jesus was an important growth point for the disciples. Jesus would be with them in a different way from now on. Painful though it was, it was necessary for them to let go of this physical present and adjust to the new reality. Perhaps you have known similar transition points in your own life.

Jesus invited the disciples to be witnesses to the good news they had learned. The way we live, speak and relate to others speaks of what we have learned about life. We all are witnesses. How have you been a witness to the goodness of life?

In particular, Jesus invited them to be witnesses to the good news of forgiveness. Recall people who have been witnesses to you of forgiveness and reconciliation. What effect did they have on your life? Have you been able to be a witness to the good news of forgiveness in your life? *Stay in the city until...* Jesus instructs the apostles to wait patiently for the moment of grace. What has been your experience of waiting for a moment of grace? What are the moments of grace that you particularly recall (a friendship, a new opportunity, the birth of a baby, etc.) **Intercom**

Notices

Novena to the Sacred Heart 2019 Sacred Heart Church, Western Road.

The Novena to the Sacred Heart takes place annually, prior to the Feast of the Sacred Heart:

Thursday, June 20th –

Friday, June 28th: Novena to the Sacred Heart

Friday, June 28th: Feast of the Sacred Heart

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

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'First of all, you ask me if the God of Christians forgives one who doesn't believe and doesn't seek the faith. Premise that - and it's the fundamental thing - the mercy of God has no limits if one turns to him with a sincere and contrite heart; the question for one who doesn't believe in God lies in obeying one's conscience.'
Pope Francis