



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



Douglas/Rochestown Parish



Pentecost Sunday
9th June 2019

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News Desk

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Today, Pentecost Sunday, it is most appropriate that we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish Community. During the 11am Mass, Fr. Teddy will administer the Sacrament to two adult members of our Parish: **Ana Maria Fernandez Ales & Palmira Petillo**. We congratulate the ladies and wish them the fullness of Joy in the Spirit.

The Deep End Gifted Communicators

Have you ever watched a TED Talk? There are thousands available on-line. The powerful talks are generally less than 18 minutes long and cover a huge range of topics from science to business, to social and global issues. There are talks in more than 110 languages, and they are used in schools, businesses and many other settings, to educate, motivate and open minds. While the speakers come from a variety of backgrounds, the one thing they have in common is the ability to communicate. For every talk I have listened to, the speaker has the audience in the palm of their hand. They are gifted communicators, with a passion for a particular subject, and the ability to draw their listeners in.

We often hear that in order to be a good communicator, we have to learn how to speak another person's language. On the day of Pentecost, when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, each of the people gathered heard them speaking in his or her own language. The ability to communicate and to be understood was the first gift they received from the Holy Spirit. Today, we need the gift of communication more than ever. There are times when we have the opportunity to share our faith, or to witness to others in the way we live our faith. We might feel that we struggle to share our faith in a way that others can understand. In order to meet people where they are, we first need to 'speak their language' – to know them, listen to them, and recognise God's presence in them. The Spirit that came upon the early believers is the same Spirit that guides us today. **Intercom**

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel John 20-19 -23

Jesus comes into a room full of fear. Sometimes it is fear itself that makes us close the door on other and on God. Occasionally a person comes along with the gift of breaking through our closed doors, a person who comes to be with us in our fears. Do you have memories of people getting through to you and being with you despite your closed doors? Who brought you peace in a time of anxiety?

Jesus showed his wounds to his friends. Moments of grace can occur when another person shows us their vulnerable side, or when we do so with them. Let your memories speak of such experiences to you.

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you. This evokes images of receiving and handing on the things that give life; values, meaning, sense of purpose, love. Who are the people who gave you life by what they handed on to you? To whom have you handed on what is life-giving?

In our tradition, the final verse reminds us of the Sacrament of Reconciliation but its meaning is broader than that. Spirit-filled people are people who forgive. You might like to recall memories of when you have forgiven, or retained, another's sins. What difference has it made to you and others when you forgave rather than held sins against others. **Intercom**

Notices

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Mondays @ 6.30pm.
Wednesdays (after 10.00am Mass) @ 10.30am in Parish Centre, St. Columba's. New members welcome.

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: Thurs, June 20th – Fri, 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.

"Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices." **St Teresa of Avila**