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## Douglas/Rochestown Parish

St. Patrick's Church  
Rochestown  
021-489 6797  
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Sunday Mass  
6 pm Sun 9.30, 11.00  
& 12.15

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

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:

**Billy John Doran**, son of Mary & Gavan, Middleton & Lislee Road.

**Oscar Denis Sheehan**, son of Ann-Marie & Dave, Wainsfort

### DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Kathleen Keating**, Willow Park, dear mother of Christian, Caroline and Barry. **Philip McDonald**, Douglas Road, dearly loved husband of Marian and dear Dad of Fiona, Ailsa, Philip and Jeanette.

May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

### SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Sean & Christine O'Mahony**, Calderwood Road, on the recent death of their son, **Ian O'Mahony**, Carrigaline.

### News Desk

**FINANCE:** The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's :€2782 St. Patrick's: €1050. Many thanks for your generosity. **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend -Diocesan Needs.**

### Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. Today's gospel brings us right to the heart of what a Christian life involves: love of God and love of neighbour. Jesus tells us that having life both now and in the future is the fruit of living in a spirit of love. How have you experienced love given and received as a source of life and vitality?

2. With media today we are brought face to face with suffering, poverty and hunger so vast that it can engender a feeling of helplessness and hopelessness. The parable challenges us about how we react when we come face to face with a person in need. We may sometimes try to avoid getting involved. Recall when you overcame this reaction and reached out to help. What did that do for you, and for the other person?

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#### The Deep End

Parables are never what they seem. They have a clever way of enticing us to figure out what is really going on beneath the surface. One of the real questions in this parable is: Who offers correct worship to God? Jesus spoke about a God who was not concerned with the constraints of the Temple, but who was on the streets. Look at what the Samaritan did for the man on the road: he bound his wounds, he poured oil on them, he took him to an inn. These are all action words. The emphasis in this parable is on action and compassion. The Samaritan is considered to be an outcast, yet Jesus makes him the hero of this story, no doubt causing outrage to those who were listening to Him. The priest and Levite were most likely carrying oil and wine on their person; in the case of the priest, these items were needed for making sacrifices in the Temple. Coincidentally these items were also a vital part of a first century first aid kit, needed for cleaning the wounds of the injured man.

The lawyer is concerned with the limits to 'love of neighbour.' But there are no limits, no boundaries, no outsiders in God's Kingdom. Holiness is not separation from the marginalised, but proximity to them.

*'Since once again Lord, I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar, I will raise myself beyond these symbols, up to the pure majesty of the real itself; I will make the whole Earth my altar and on it will offer you all the labours and sufferings of the world.'* Teilhard de Chardin

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### Notices

#### Enable Ireland Cork Fund

Open Garden in Hillside, Annmount, Glouthane on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> July 11am – 5pm in support of a New Bus for Enable Ireland Adult Services.

Hester Forde from Coosheen Plants will be on site selling rare plants. Tea/coffee available. Entry fee is a donation on the gate. Your support is much appreciated. Call 087 7905029 for more information

#### SMA PILGRIMAGE TO

**LOURDES:** 14 – 19 Sept. 5 nights, full board – Hotel Roissy. Director: Fr. Martin Kavanagh SMA. Tel: 4292871.

#### Medjugorje Pilgrimage

**Sept 10 – Sept 17, ext Cork.**

Contact: Angela Gowing 0876140076 or come to Prayer Meeting at 8pm every Wednesday, Holy Trinity, Fr. Matthew Quay.

#### Medjugorje Conference

**and Day of Prayer with Sr.**

**Brieger Mckenna Sat 31 Aug** Neptune Stadium, Cork.

Tickets €20 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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