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## Douglas/Rochestown Parish

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Sunday Mass  
6 pm Sun 9.30, 11.00  
& 12.15

**Sunday 21 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:

**Rían Christopher O'Murchú**, son of Charlene & John, Forthill, Moneygourney.

**Olivia Maud Doherty**, daughter of Kim & Anthony, Kilbrody.

**Lyla Grace O'Donovan**, daughter of Anne-Marie & Derry, Mount Ovel.

### DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Richard P. Fitzgerald**, Douglas, beloved son of the late Maurice and Mary Molly and dear brother of Maura and the late Michael. **Betty Walsh**, Wainsfort, beloved wife of the late Patrick & loving mother of Donal, Philip, and the late Margaret. **Pauline O'Keefe**, Donnybrook, beloved wife of Bil and loving sister of Nora. May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

### News Desk

**FINANCE: The Offertory Collection last Sunday:** St. Columba's: €2802 St. Patrick's: €885. 2nd Collection Diocesan Needs: St. Columba's :€1602 St. Patrick's: € 500. Many Thanks for your generosity.

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

1. The two sisters symbolize the contemplative and active dimensions of life, at times difficult to balance. What wisdom have you learned through life experiences on how to strike a balance between prayer and action?
2. Many people misunderstand hospitality. They worry and fret about decorating the house and preparing abundant food. Yet sometimes it is something else that is needed to make people feel at home; namely, to sit with guests and to listen to them. What has been your experience of being a cherished guest and when have you been able to make others feel welcome and at home?
3. We can make the same mistake in relation to people who are important to us: children, friends, parents, or others. We can worry and fret about doing things for them when perhaps the important thing is to give them time and listen to them. What does your experience tell you?
4. When it comes to welcoming God into our lives, one appropriate response is to spend time listening to God's word. When have you found time devoted to the word of God enriching for you?

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### The Deep End Martha and Mary Jesus visits the home of Martha.

For such a short Gospel passage, this text has created much discussion among biblical scholars. It seems everyone in this story is breaking the rules: Jesus rebukes his host, Mary does not help her sister, and Martha is not sitting at Jesus' feet like a good disciple. Luke's gospel is all about 'reversal': what you expect to happen does not happen, often the opposite happens! Confused? Mary is positioned here as a disciple learning from her Teacher. Martha as one who is trying to serve through 'many tasks.' Throughout his Gospel, Luke places a special emphasis on the wider circle of Jesus' disciples, and names the women who follow Him. Luke is perhaps reminding us in this text that being a follower of Jesus requires an upset of the norms and a reversal of roles. This story occurs in Luke immediately after the Good Samaritan, where the importance of service and action are clearly emphasised. It seems unfair that Martha is being told off for serving those who come to her. If Jesus arrived with a hungry entourage, what host would not be stressed out! Jesus frees Martha from these duties, not because they are not important, but so that she too can be nourished by him. Frantic activity is never good or sustainable for us. Let today's Gospel be a reminder that when we are bogged down in the craziness around us, we can sit and listen to Him. Then we may be better prepared for the challenges that we face, whether they be in our homes or our wider communities.

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### Notices

#### SMA PILGRIMAGE TO

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

#### Medjugorje Pilgrimage Sept 10 – Sept 17, ext Cork.

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

**Medjugorje Conference and Day of Prayer with Sr. Briege 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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