



St. Columba's Church  
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## Douglas/Rochestown Parish

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

**Sunday 28 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:

- Isaac Ben O'Mahony**, son of Nicola & Shane, Greenhills Estate.  
**Brody Matthew Lee**, son of Sinead & Gary, Edgewood, Maryborough Ridge.  
**Daniel Sean Murphy**, son of Nicole & Niall, Manor Avenue, Maryborough Ridge'

### DEATHS

**The deaths took place of the following:** Betty McCarthy, Shamrock Close, beloved wife of Joe and loving mother of Catherine, Niall and Elizabeth  
**Dan Murphy**, Ashdene, Douglas, loving husband of Kay and father of Damian, Robert and Kevin. May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

### News Desk

**FINANCE:** The Offertory Collection last Sunday: **St. Columba's: €2774 St. Patrick's: €1000** . Many Thanks for your generosity

**FIRST FRIDAY 2 August '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.

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

1. In the prayer Jesus gave us as a model, the focus is not on getting God to do what we want, but on trying to be open to what God wants: 'Your kingdom come.' That openness implies a trust that what God wants for us is our good. When have you found that it was good for you to take life as it comes, trusting that the Spirit was with you no matter what happened?
2. One of the points in the parable of the friend knocking at the door, is that in the case of true friendship it will not be necessary to browbeat the friend into giving what you seek. Recall times when you had a friend who gave willingly and readily. What was it like to have such a generous and willing response? Perhaps you can also recall when you have been that kind of a friend to others.
3. In the culture of the Middle East, hospitality is a priority. It would be unimaginable not to help a friend. Just so, it is unimaginable that God will ignore our prayer. When you think of the reliability of God, what are the images that you find helpful and that encourage you to persist in prayer?

*Intercom*

### The Deep End When asked how we should pray, Jesus teaches the Our Father

'Lord teach us to pray.' If someone asked this today of a faith leader, we might get a long list of possibilities based on different tastes, cultures and trends. Millions of books have been written on prayer, how to pray, what method, where, when, how to sit, what to wear, what attitude one should have, and so on. Yet here, Jesus gives his disciples a very direct response, actual words in a formula, that they should recite.

In Jesus' time there were many rabbis who would have certain prayers for their followers to say, almost as a way of identifying their group. The Lord's prayer is the prayer of Jesus' disciples, so it is our prayer too. It is among the first prayers we learn as children. It is a prayer of identity for Christians. When we are in a moment of crisis, when all other words fail us, it is often the 'go-to' prayer.

After teaching the Lord's prayer, Jesus tells a story about a man whose friend goes to him at midnight looking for bread for another friend. It might appear to be a confusing story, but the emphasis is on the power of praying for another's need. In the early church and today, this is seen as the work of the people of God, the baptised: to pray for the world and the needs of others. Then we go beyond ourselves and our own interests, reaching out and opening up, rather than being closed in on ourselves.

Ask, and it will be given you search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. *Intercom*

### 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.

**The annual Mass in St. John's Cemetery, Ballinrea** will take place on **Wed 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm**. All are welcome. (bring your own folding chair!)

#### 2019 ONLINE SUMMER SCHOOL

#### Paul: The Radical Gospel

TWO-WEEK ONLINE COURSE WILL BEGIN ON 15TH JULY AND AGAIN ON 12TH AUGUST. ONE LECTURE PER DAY.

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“Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart. In fact on certain occasions you should only speak to Him with your heart.”

— St. Padre Pio