



St. Columba's Church
Douglas
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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 25 August 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:

Aifric O'Driscoll, daughter of Emer & John, Douglas & Singapore.

George Patrick Burke, son of Ciara & Patrick, Coist Cillte, Ardarrig.

Caoimhe Áine Cáit Power, daughter of Stephen & Moira, Loretto Park.

Joshua John Sexton, son of Sarah & John, Rochestown.

Lucia Mary Mackay, daughter of Emma & Jamie, Elden, Maryborough Woods.

News Desk

FINANCE: The Offertory Collection last Sunday: **St. Columba's : €2902. St. Patrick's: €1133**. Many Thanks for your generosity

Ministers of the Eucharist - Ministers required to visit Nursing Home on Sundays.2a Contact Parish Office for further details: 021 4894128

Seeing Your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. The question put to Jesus is one that many still ask: 'Will many be saved?' In his answer, Jesus is not concerned about numbers but warns his listeners about complacency. Just as his listeners could not regard the mere fact of being Jews as sufficient for salvation, neither can we regard being Christians as enough. Salvation will come from our acceptance of Jesus. For any relationship to be alive – either with God or with another human person – the real question is: 'Is my heart in this relationship?' What does your experience tell you of this?

2. 'Strive to enter by the narrow door.' Jesus himself is on his journey to Jerusalem; purposeful and determined. His true followers will also be purposeful and determined. That is true of any journey, career, or relationship if there is to be growth or progress. What it is like for you when you fail to do this? What is it like for you when the effort is there?

Intercom

The Deep End

'Alice opened the door and found that it led into a small passage, not much larger than a rat-hole: she knelt down and looked along the passage into the loveliest garden you ever saw. How she longed to get out of that dark hall, and wander about among those beds of bright flowers and those cool fountains, but she could not even get her head through the doorway.' (Lewis Carroll, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland)

In the opening chapter of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Alice is having a bit of bother with doors. She finds herself in a hall in which the doors are all locked. When she finds a key, it doesn't fit the locks. When she manages to find a door to match the key, she herself won't fit through; the doorway is too narrow. How frustrating!

The parable in today's Gospel also features a narrow door and a locked door, as well as an unsympathetic doorkeeper – it's almost as if the master wants to keep everyone out! People knock on the door and expect to be admitted, but it's not that simple. The master turns them away, claiming not to know them, despite protestations that they are acquainted.

Jesus is trying to teach his followers about discipleship. What does he mean when he says we must 'enter by the narrow door'? Is it almost impossible to enter the kingdom of God? One thing is sure: a passing acquaintance with Jesus will not be enough. The plea of 'We once ate and drank in your company' is feeble. It is not enough to know Jesus only on the surface – to attend Mass every Sunday or to turn to him only when we are in need. To really know Jesus, one must walk the narrow path of the Gospel. **Intercom**

Meals on Wheels urgently looking for Drivers to deliver meals in the Douglas area. Approx. 1 hour per month. Contact Douglas Community Centre Office, Community Park or : 021 4894955.

Famine Commemoration

The Annual Famine Commemoration will be held at 3pm on this Sunday 25 August at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Tory Top Road.

Notices

Young @Heart are embarking on a 'Step up to your Health' initiative to increase physical activity and improve health and well-being, teaming up with Douglas Village Shopping Centre & Dr Annalisa Setti of the School of Applied Psychology. A six week program which will be checked by UCC, To take part in the program contact Phil Goodman 087 2987161, philgoodman01@gmail.com

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Novena, 31st Aug – 8 Sept. Sacred Heart Church Western Road. Daily: 10.00am – 8.00pm. Theme: **Mother – Disciple**, led by Sr. Merle FDNCS.

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Carrigaline GAA Hall
Tuesday & Wednesday, **27 & 28 August**. Local 1850731 137.

Young at Heart

- Free I-PAD classes beginning on Sept 17th.
- Dance the night away - music with the RAT-PACK Experience, Friday 6th Sept at 8-30 in Douglas GAA Hall, tickets **€10**, More info contact Phil 087-2987161

The Douglas and District Cardiac Support Group meet on the 1st Thurs each month, from Sept to June. - Lion House, Douglas. - 11am -1pm. **Meetings: Sept. 5th '19, Oct 3rd '19, Nov. 7th '19, Dec 5th '19**. More info: contact Aidan: 0874139461 or Tony 087 2233019. Or why not just come along to one of the above meetings.