



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



## Douglas/Rochestown Parish

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**St. Patrick's Church  
Rochestown**  
021-489 6797  
(Office)

Sunday Mass  
Sun 11.00 and  
12.30



### Notices

#### BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:

**Erin Martha Giltinan**, daughter of Kelly-Marie & Thomas, Perth. W. Australia

**Liam Ron Arcscott**, son of Kathyryn & Ben, Sydney, Australia.

**Olan John Long**, son of Jennifer & Ben, Ravenscourt, Donnybrook.

**Aine Mary C. Crowley**, daughter of Deirdre & Kenneth, Mayborough Hill.

**Rory Finbarr O'Callaghan**, son of Amy & Conor, The Ferns, Foxwood

**Aoife Rose Burr**, daughter of Nicola & Daniel, Australia & Belmont

#### WEDDINGS

Congratulations to the following who were married recently: **Mairéad Scully**, Ballinhassig, & **Cianan O'Leary**, Youghal We wish them a long and happy life together

#### DEATHS

The death took place of: **Sharon Twomey**, Shamrock Lawn, beloved daughter of Sean and Marie, loving sister of Katherine, Shane and Annette, dear partner of Finbarr O'Flaherty May she rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh si.

#### SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the Parish is extended to **Joe Davis**, Rochestown Road, on the recent death of his brother **Frank**, Limerick City.

### News Desk

**FINANCE: Offertory Collection** last Sunday: **St. Columba's : €3087.. St. Patrick's: €1415.** Many Thanks for your generosity. **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next weekend: Diocesan Needs**

**HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS:** hosted by the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph at the convent on Blackrock Road (opposite the SMA Church) on Saturday 18 th January from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. All are welcome to join in prayer followed by refreshments.

#### The Baptism of the Lord 12 January 2020 - The Deep End

John the Baptist was driven by one mission: to point people to Jesus, to prepare the way for Jesus. Yet John is uneasy in this account of Jesus' baptism. The moment has arrived but he is standing before someone much greater than himself and is being asked to minister. John feels unqualified, unworthy of such a task.

After some persuasion 'John gave into him' and accepted his responsibility. This is a lesson to all of us, not to let feelings of inadequacy stop us from carrying out our various missions and vocations in our lives.

Jesus explains to John that this is necessary as a sign for the beginning of his ministry, a public statement of identity.

Today we might consider our own baptism and what it means to us. At that moment we were anointed as priests, prophets and Kings. To what extent do we live this out in our Christian lives? John points us towards Jesus and we can ask, do we also point the way to Jesus for others? How can we be a signpost for others?

Remember today those who pointed the way for you at various times in your life. Maybe a chaplain in school or college, a teacher, grandparent, a friend, a retreat you participated in. At various times in our lives we meet these 'signposts' which help us to grow in our faith and deepen our awareness of Christ's love. Let us celebrate all of these 'baptismal' moments today. **Intercom**

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex  
Cork June 30th - July 7th  
2020.** €725.00 pps (Half  
board. Hotel Leone, 2 mins  
from Church). Spiritual  
Director Fr. Pat Donaghue.  
Group Leader: Sean  
O'Shaughnessy. €200.00  
deposit secures place. Some  
places still available.  
Contact 0862959380 or Joe  
Walsh Tours 01-2410800\_

#### The Lens of the Gospel The Baptism of the Lord 12 January 2020

1. The Baptism of Jesus marks a turning point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall moments when your life changed and you moved into a new phase.

2. The experience was one in which Jesus had a new sense of his own identity. What have been the experiences which have helped shaped your sense of who you are?

3. How have you come to an awareness of being a child of God, beloved by God, one on whom rests the grace of God?  
4. It is surprising that Jesus, the Saviour of the world, asks to be baptised by John. The request symbolises his desire to identify with us. At the same time he is filled with the Holy Spirit. That step of identifying with us is an important element in his being able to help us. Have you ever found that when someone identifies with you, it is easier for him/her to help you? Has your ability to identify with others had any impact on your effectiveness in helping others? **Intercom**