



**St. Columba's Church
Douglas**
021-489 4128 (Office)
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Sunday Mass
6 pm Sun 9.30, 11.00
& 12.15



Douglas/Rochestown Parish

Sunday 19th January 2020

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

Sunday Mass
Sun 11.00 and
12.30



www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:
William Jeremiah Coleman, son of Jeremiah & Cathy, Kilbrody, Mt. Oval

DEATHS

The death took place of: **David Williamson**, Gartan Park,, beloved husband of the late Noreen. loving father of Bernie and Helen. May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh se.

News Desk

FINANCE: Offertory Collection last Sunday: **St. Columba's : €3208. St. Patrick's: €1431.**
Many Thanks for your generosity. **2nd Collection this weekend: Diocesan Needs.**

Saint Vincent De Paul January 2020 Church Gate Collections: **St. Columba's: €3195 , St. Patrick's : €1195.** Next church gate collection: Sat. 1st Feb./ Sun. 2nd Feb. We would like to thank everybody most sincerely for your continued support and generosity.

The Deep End - The Lamb of God

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is inviting us to *look* at Jesus. He calls Jesus the '*lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world*'. We say these words often at mass and today we are invited to meditate on them more closely. What does it mean? In Jesus' time, two lambs were sacrificed in the Temple in Jerusalem each day. It was a ritual that invoked purity. Jesus will preach a love that is radical for many, in a world that was, and still is, broken. John refers to Jesus as the *lamb* as he knows that if one loves in such a way, they will suffer at the hands of unjust systems and institutions.

When we look at the 'sins' of our world today – broken relationships, crisis, can we also see those who, like Jesus, 'take away' the sins of the world? Christ's love was not passive, he actively challenged systems that were oppressive and which prevented people from living life to the full. Whether it be the climate crisis or the homelessness crisis or any number of issues we face, '*look*' where Jesus walks and is actively working to ease this suffering. When we hear these words at mass, let us be reminded of all those who sacrifice much to ease the sufferings of others. This is Christ, the 'lamb of God' active in our world today.

'The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity ... all human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them' W.L. Wallace.

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Lens of the Gospel

1. John is one who directs people to Jesus as the one who had a life-giving message for them. Who have been the people in your life whose example or advice pointed you in the direction of a fuller life? Who has helped you to appreciate the importance of Jesus and his message?
2. In the narrative, John recognised that Jesus had more to offer people than he himself had. John had the humility not to need to be the star of the show. Who have you known with that grounded sense of their own place?
3. John proclaims Jesus as one who takes away the sin of the world. Who have been the people who, for you, continued this mission of Jesus and led you from sin and guilt to forgiveness and freedom? For whom have you done this?
4. It was not just on the cross that Jesus gave his life as the Lamb of God. His public ministry was a constant struggle against injustice and oppression. When have you shared in this mission of Jesus? Who have been models of this for you? **Intercom**

Notices

Penny Dinners Fundraiser:
Wellness and craft fair in aid of Cork Penny Dinners at **The Metropole Hotel McCurtain Street** Sunday 26th January from 12.00pm - 5.00pm. On the day readings, massages, Kinesiology, reflexology and various treatments, hair styling, nail art, crystals, jewellery books, jams, hats and accessories and much more, music on the day. Admission €5. Kids go free. All proceed to **Cork Penny Dinners**, we are looking forward to see you there.

Tracing Family History
- *an eight-week course that runs in Douglas Community School each Spring and Autumn. The course takes a comprehensive look at a fascinating subject. By the end of it you should be equipped to locate, harvest and interpret all the main sources for Irish family history and many of the minor ones. The course also addresses the importance of giving a format to your research and takes a look at the wider historical context that your ancestors inhabited.* 4294208 /

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./ adulterd@dcscork.ie