



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



Douglas/Rochestown Parish

Sunday 5th 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:

Willow Eileen Lankford, daughter of Patricia & Ultan, South Douglas Road.

Juliet Saoirse Waters, daughter of Laura & David, Melbourne, Australia

Liam James Tarrant, son of Estella & Donagh, Maryborough Hill.

Leonardo Finn Traplin, son of Cressida & Alexander, Church Road.

Rory Michael Hayes, son of Debbie & Conor, Maryborough Woods.

Toby Andrew Fitzgerald, son of Laura & Daragh, Carrigtwohill.

Sadie Rose O'Donovan, daughter of Yvonne & Mark, Etobicoke, Canada .

Fionn Michael David O'Callaghan, son of Siobhan & Eoin, Ladysbridge.

Luke Silas Guilfoyle, son of Chandra & Patrick, Calderwood, Donnybrook.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to the following who were married recently: **Claire Allen**, Rochestown Road & **Robert Rose**, Well Road. We wish them a long and happy life together

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Conor Coppinger**, Maryborough, beloved son of Fergus and Carmel and loving brother of Leah and Rachel. **Noel Breen**, Rosebank, beloved husband of the late Rose and loving father of Colm and Aoife. **Mary Murphy**, Donnybrook, beloved wife of the late Kevin and loving mother of Philomena, Geraldine, Claret, Brian and the late Ronald, devoted grandmother of the late Stephen Long. **Michael O'Sullivan**, Grange, beloved and devoted husband of the late Maureen. Sadly missed by his loving sons Michael and Ken and daughter Brenda. **Patrick Coakley**, Donnybrook, beloved husband of Terrie, loving father of Alec, Ralph, Denise and Sonya. **Frederick Perrott**, Greenhills Estate, beloved husband of the late Cecelia, loving father of Derek, Henry, Valerie and Alan. May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

News Desk

FINANCE: Offertory Collection last Sunday: **St. Columba's : €3254.. St. Patrick's: €1800.** Many Thanks for your generosity.

Monday 6th January : Feast of the Epiphany Masses: 10.00am & 6.00pm **(Monday)**

Ministers of the Eucharist: January Rota available in Sacristy.

THE DEEP END

World Became Flesh

Today we hear the beautiful prologue to John's Gospel. It would be worth finding the time to meditate on these verses during the week. They are beautifully rich. 'In the beginning was the Word...' in Greek, logos. This logos (Word) has far more meaning than its English translation can give. It refers to all-knowledge; all-being; that which is forever; the Word that is Divine, Creator of the universe, Being, God, Father and Mother of all things.

We read in this prologue that not one thing came to be without God. Do we really see God at the centre of all things? In our environment, in nature, in all created beings? Science tells us our universe is 13.8 billion years old. We cannot even conceive of such a time scale. John tells us of God at that point, at that great flaring forth of all creation, when everything came to be. This Word was with God at that moment and was God.

If we truly believe in the Incarnation, let us be alert and awake to the Incarnation of God every day in our lives; Christ present in all people, in every created thing, for God is fully at work in creation at every stage, then, now and forever. For creation and incarnation are not different events, but the same event, the same process.

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THANK YOU everyone who donated to the monthly church door collections in St. Columbas and St.Patricks churches throughout the past year.

A very generous €54,834 was collected. In total, €65,120 was spent in the Parish, on Education, Food Vouchers and Hampers, White Goods and Fuel, the shortfall was provided from S.V.P. Central Funds.

We also wish to thank Fr. Teddy,P.P. , the local Lion's Club, the students of Rochestown College, SVP central office, The Giving Tree and our loyal benefactors.

The Conference meets on Monday nights in St.Columba's Church Parish Centre at 7.15 and then do visitations. We are always looking for new volunteers for visitations and collections, so if you wish to volunteer, Please contact the SVP office in Tuckey Street,at 021-4270444, very many thanks again for your continued support.

New Year's Prayer

Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed. ... May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.