



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



Douglas/Rochestown Parish

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

Sunday 13 September 2020

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:

Devon O'Brien, son of Laura & James, Elm Drive, Sharmrock Lawn

Emily Clark, daughter of Edel & Albert, Melbourn Close.

Faye & Chloe Norris, twin daughters of Rhona & Colm, Delford Drive

Emma Mary Myers, daughter of Annette & Jason, Donnybrook, Douglas

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Catherine Reynolds**, Douglas, beloved sister of George and the late Valerie. **Mary O'Driscoll**, Douglas Close, much loved mother of David, Eva and Philip. **Milly McGroarty**, Grange Road, beloved wife of Bernard, loving mother of Bernard, Dermott, Philip, Denis, Franceen and Clare. **Catherine Collins**, Wainsfort, beloved wife of John & loving mother of Elaine & Jill. **Peter Mohally**, Rochestown Rd. dearly beloved husband of the late Mary, loving father of Marie, Kieran and Julie. May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

Masses in Douglas Parish Weekends & Weekdays

ST. COLUMBA'S: Saturday 6.00 Vigil, Sunday: 9.30am, 11.00a. Monday – Friday: 10.00am

ST. PATRICK'S: Sunday: 11.00am & 12.30pm. Monday – Friday: 9.30am.

LIVE STREAMING St Columba's now has a high definition webcam streaming live on the Churchservices.tv system familiar to many of you. You can access the camera through <https://www.churchservices.tv/douglas> or via link on the home page of the Parish website www.douglasrochestownparish.ie. Please let friends and family know.

The Deep End: Infinitely loved

The parable of the unforgiving servant highlights the generous love of God and sets a blueprint for our treatment of others. The master who cancels the servant's large debt does so out of compassion, and the servant is grateful – but not so grateful that he is willing to take pity on a fellow servant who owes him just a small amount. It seems he has learnt nothing; he has neither appreciated the gift he has been given, nor is he willing to pass it on to others.

We are each loved infinitely by God. He has provided us with every good thing, and we are expected to live accordingly. Because we have been loved, we must love. In this Season of Creation we focus in particular on our relationship with creation. We have been gifted with this wonderful world, with all its beauty and natural resources. Yet in so many ways, we have failed to appreciate this gift. We depend entirely on the earth's resources, yet instead of respecting them we have plundered them, causing great harm to the earth and its inhabitants. We have built comfortable and cheap lifestyles at the expense of the world's poorest people. If we carry on this way, there will be no gift to pass on to future generations. We are like the servant in the gospel – taking, but giving nothing in return.

Today, we are called to act as people who are loved infinitely by God. All of creation speaks of God's love for us. We are deeply connected with the earth and all of its people. We must live a life which is not centred exclusively on ourselves, but on the needs of others.

'Creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion.' (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*) *Intercom*

Notices

Pope Francis Prayer for protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

Lens of the Gospel.

Jesus surprised Peter by telling him he needed to forgive seventy-seven times. Perhaps you have known the truth of this when something reminds you of a past hurt and you find you need in your heart to forgive again the person who hurt you. What was this like for you? How has a capacity to have a forgiving heart helped you? Sometimes we need to forgive ourselves for things we regret about past behaviour. What happens to you when you cannot do this? How has your ability to forgive yourself for past mistakes influenced your attitude towards yourself now? **Intercom**

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