



**St. Columba's Church
Douglas**
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Douglas/Rochestown Parish

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Sunday Mass
6 pm Vigil, Sun 9.30,
11.00

Sunday 20 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:

Ella Mae Barry, daughter of Nicola & Stephen, Willow Park, Sth. Douglas Road.

Heidi Brenda Barry, daughter of Trease & Damian, Douglas Close.

Theo Ollie Hayes-Walsh, son of Aoife & Shaun, Belgard Downs.

Joseph Michael Kearney, son of Jean & Michael, Greenvally, Donnybrook.

Emilia McCormack, daughter of Kerrie & Fergus, Clarkes Wood

Daniel Martin Richard Dalton, son of Niamh & Ronan, Delford Drive

DEATHS

The death took place of : **Lillian O'Leary**, Rosebank, beloved wife of the late Timothy, loving mother of Pauline, Caroline and Hugh. Dear sister of Joan and the late Jimmy. May she rest in peace. Are dheis Lamh De go raibh si.

News Desk

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.

Ministers of the Eucharist Resuming

St. Columba's has now decided to restart Ministers for Weekend Masses: 6 Vigil, 9.330am & 11.00am, on Sundays.. Just be assured that you should volunteer only if comfortable doing so. Garda Vetting is required. If you have not been Garda Vetted recently, please call to office.

The Deep End Unequal opportunities

Jesus does not see things as we do. Time and time again in his parables, he turns our expectations upside down and helps us to see things in a different light.

Today, he tells the story of the landowner who pays the same wages to all his workers – those who were hired at the crack of dawn and those who only joined late in the day. Naturally, the 'early birds' are put out by this – they feel it is unjust, even though they received the wage they were promised.

Maybe we sympathise with the complainers. In our individualistic society, we can fall into the trap of thinking that only certain people deserve good things. Those who work hard, who are law-abiding, who make the most of opportunities – they deserve a decent standard of living. Think of how often we hear people complaining about those who are struggling, saying they do not deserve assistance or 'handouts'? Such criticisms fail to take into account that not everyone has the same opportunities or privileges in life.

But in this parable of Jesus, the landowner treats everyone the same, regardless of their productivity. He recognises that not all of them had the same opportunity – some were just luckier than others, in the right place at the right time. God is just and generous, and he expects us to have the same respect for everyone, regardless of their position in life.

Sadly we do not live in an equal world where everyone's dignity is respected and everyone has equal opportunities. In this Season of Creation, we are mindful in particular of the world's poor who suffer most as a result of environmental destruction – damage that is often caused by the comfortable lifestyles of others. **INTERCOM**

Cork Autism Online Conference 2020 - Autism: Beyond Behaviours*. Sunday, October 11th. This online conference offers interventions, skills and strategies to support people on the autism spectrum. Suitable for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistics, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism. Visit: www.autismcork.ie

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Lens of the Gospel

1. 'I was there first'. Envy easily comes to the surface when faced with the good fortune of others, especially when compared to what seems less favourable treatment of ourselves. Can you recall that feeling in yourself and what it did to you? Can you also recall times when you were content with your lot, even though it seemed others had greater gifts, better opportunities, etc.
2. A parent or teacher who gives a lot of time to a difficult child does not love the others less, but if we are one of those other children we may not see that. Recall a 'Jesus person' in your life who helped you to overcome feelings of envy and helped you appreciate that the apparently more favourable treatment of another did not mean a lessening of love for you.
3. This leads us to the core message of this parable, namely, that God's love is a free gift, and not earned. Recall moments when you were particularly conscious of the gifts that God has given you by counting all the blessings that you have, no matter how small.

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