



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



# Douglas/Rochestown Parish

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

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

**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:

**Abbie Lil O'Connor**, daughter of Carol & David, Grange.

**Isabella Marie Skehan-White**, daughter of Shannon & Adam, Castletreasure, Douglas.

**Tom Barry**, son of Amanda & Joseph, Bracken Court, Donnybrook..

**Iris Amelia O'Dwyer**, daughter of Lisa & Stuart, Greenvalley, Donnybrook.

## News Desk

**Masses in Douglas Parish Weekends & Weekdays Closed to Public during Restriction 3. Following Masses Livestreamed (see details below) St. Columba's open for Personal Prayer Mon- Fri, 11am – 4pm.**

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

**ST. PATRICK'S: Sunday: 11.00am . Thurs – Friday: 9.30am.**

**LIVE STREAMING St Columba's & St.Patricks .St.Patrick's now also** has a high definition webcam streaming live on the Churchservices.tv system: <https://www.churchservices.tv/douglas> or <https://www.churchservices.tv/rochestown/> or via link on the home page of the Parish website [www.douglasrochestownparish.ie](http://www.douglasrochestownparish.ie). Please let friends and family know.

## Mon<sup>2nd</sup> Nov (Feast of All Souls)

Envelopes with lists are now available in both churches. Please complete and return with your offering to either church on or before 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.

**Bishop Fintan Gavin** has written to priests of the diocese regarding the new restrictions.

## Public Worship

Churches should remain open for personal prayer but not for the celebration of Mass with a congregation (i.e. with no public presence). This is like the situation that applied before 29th June last. The only exceptions to this are weddings and funerals which can take place with up to 25 people.

Masses are to continue to be celebrated without a congregation. These should be streamed via church webcams where installed or Facebook Live so that parishioners can pray and stay connected. Such means of communication have been very helpful when churches were closed to public worship from 14th March – 29th June. I would encourage you to continue to use such means of communication to give messages of hope and solidarity to parishioners in these difficult times.

## Funerals

Up to 25 people will be allowed to attend funerals of loved ones, to pay their respects and grieve together from Wednesday 7th October. This means that immediate family members and close relatives, not exceeding 25 persons, may attend Funeral Masses, burials and cremations, provided that social distancing and hand hygiene rules are adhered to.

## Weddings

Up to 25 people can attend the celebration of marriage in a church.

## Baptisms

Baptisms are not to take place until further notice.

## Meetings

As no organised indoor gatherings are to take place, in-person parish meetings are not to proceed until further notice. I ask that you continue to use new communication means such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams to meet remotely with your parish groups where it is possible.

## First Friday Calls

While visitors from one other household to a maximum of 6 people only may visit a family home it would not be prudent to visit for First Friday calls at this time. However, in the case of an emergency sick-call, having been requested by the family, you should respond and take all necessary precautions such as hand sanitising and the wearing of a face covering.

## Notices

### Lens of the Gospel:

**1.** Scripture often speaks of the kingdom of God as a banquet. The image of people being at a meal where everyone is happy and welcome and where all hunger and thirst is satisfied gets across the idea that God loves, accepts and welcomes us and wants us to make that experience available to one another. Think of times in your life when you have had 'banquet' experiences and when you have felt accepted and loved?

**2.** The host enlists the help of his servants to invite people to the banquet. We are commissioned by the Lord to invite people to the banquet of the kingdom, to the fullness of life – as parents, teachers, friends, etc. What has it been like for you to play a part in leading others to a fuller life?

**3.** As in the parable last week there is a message about being alert to invitations that offer a fuller life and the danger of losing out if we neglect to respond to such invitations. Perhaps there have been opportunities offered to you that you missed, and now regret. Think also of the blessings you received because you seized the moment and took an opportunity that presented itself.

**4.** The second parable puts the focus on how we respond to invitations. Some invitations are ones that challenge us to change, to conversion, to put on a 'wedding garment'. What has been your experience of changing in response to an invitation you received?