



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



# Douglas/Rochestown Parish

**Mission Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
2020**

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

**Sunday Mass**  
Sun 11.00 and  
12.30

[www.douglasrochestownparish.ie](http://www.douglasrochestownparish.ie)



## DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Mary O'Connell**, Bromley Park, Donnybrook, dearly loved wife of Martin, loving mother of Janice and Clíona. **Moyra Lyons**, Shamrock Lawn, beloved wife of the late Brendan and loving mother of Colm, Miriam, Garrett, Suzanne and the late baby Pádraig. **Sean O'Donovan**, Scart, Douglas, dearly beloved husband of Mary, loving father of Jim, Brendan and Conor. May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

## News Desk

**Masses in Douglas Parish Weekends & Weekdays Closed to Public during current Restriction.** Following Masses Livestreamed (see details below) **St. Columba's open for Personal Prayer Mon- Fri, 11am – 5pm.**

**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.Patrick's .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.

## MESSAGE FROM BISHOP FINTAN GAVIN

Dear Friends,

I welcome this Safeguarding Newsletter in the Diocese of Cork and Ross as a way of highlighting the fact that the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is central to the life and mission of the Diocese. Earlier this year a Review of Safeguarding by the National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland stated that the safeguarding structure in the Diocese is 'robust and effective'.

The Reviewers concluded that there is full compliance with Safeguarding Children Policy and Standards within the Diocese of Cork and Ross. I wish to thank Ms. Cleo Yates, Diocesan Director of Safeguarding, the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee members, volunteer safeguarding representatives and parish clergy who continue to be vigilant as we work together to maintain the highest safeguarding standards in parishes and the Diocese.

✠ Fintan Gavin.

Bishop of Cork and Ross **SEE FULL DETAILS ON PARISH WEBSITE**

## The Deep End 18 October 2020 • Mission Sunday Emperor's or Christ's vision?

Continuing our reading of Matthew 22 today, the Pharisees are not impressed with Jesus' teachings and decide to 'entrap' him, quizzing him about paying taxes. It is a dangerous question they ask because a simple yes or no response from Jesus could mean he is reported to the authorities. Jesus has no time for this and is quite direct with them asking: *'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?'*

The response is brilliant: *'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.'* This text has sometimes been used to argue that religion should stay out of politics, economics or culture. However, the world we live in is one that falls short of the vision and values which Jesus preached: a dream of a world of love, peace, justice and compassion. Being a follower of Jesus means that one is actively involved in striving for this vision and this includes whatever political, economic or cultural issues we are confronted with. The focus in this passage is getting our priorities straight. Yes, give the emperor his taxes but do not forget what belongs to God i.e. God's vision for this world.

The 'empirical' view and the 'Christ-view' of issues like direct provision, homelessness, evictions, the Black Lives Matter movement, climate action... are usually very different. The Pharisees, we are told, *'were amazed, left him and went away'*. **Intercom**

## Notices

*"Mission is a free and conscious response to God's call", the Pope reminds us. A call to mission can only be discerned "when we have a personal relationship of love with Jesus present in his Church". That leads to the question of our preparedness to welcome the Holy Spirit's presence and action in our lives"*

## Lens of the Gospel Mission Sunday

**1.** The story sees a mixture of religion and politics, a potentially explosive combination. Jesus does not ask us to avoid politics, but that our involvement in the affairs of the world be informed by the perspective of the Reign of God. How does the gospel give you a vision of how your involvement in society should be? **2.** Pharisees and Herodians were not natural allies but a shared dislike of Jesus brought them together in an attempt to discredit him. Perhaps you experience the same opposition in society today when you profess to being a Catholic. Jesus did not get into an argument with them but simply professed his belief in the priority of God in his life. What have you found helpful in bearing witness to the fact that you are still a Catholic? **3.** Jesus recognises that we can be faced with conflicting claims for attention. He does not tell us how to solve that dilemma, but challenges us to make sure that our allegiance to God takes priority. When have you been faced with a conflict of loyalties? What helped you to get your priorities right? **Intercom**