



**St. Columba's Church
Douglas**
021-489 4128 (Office)
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Sunday Mass
6 pm Vigil, Sun 9.30,
11.00



Douglas/Rochestown Parish

**Mission Sunday 25th October
2020**

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

Sunday Mass
Sun 11.00 and
12.30



DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **John Murphy**, Rochestown, devoted husband of Marion and loving dad of Deirdre, Adrian, Diane and Evelyn. Monica Hennessy, **Tommy Trehy**, Shamrock Lawn, loving husband of the late Phil, much loved father of Pdraig and John. **Anne DeCourcey/Little**, Johnstown, loving mother of Clair, Andrea and Deirdre 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. Please let friends and family know.

Mon 2nd 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 2nd Nov..

Cork & Ross Pastoral Development Office

'To be rooted is perhaps the most important and least recognized need of the human soul.'
~Simone Weil

Our trees are turning a lovely golden colour at the moment. It is part of the cycle of a tree to adapt to the winter months ahead. The leaves will fall but its roots remain active and alive underneath. Spiritually we also need to be rooted to help us withstand the challenges and storms of life.

Such roots can be strong sound values and good support structures around us such as family and friends. Other very important root structures in our lives are a belief in a loving God and belief in ourselves and what we have to offer. When we take some of these for granted we become more unstable and likely to become uprooted.

The following prayer is one example of a root or anchor in our spiritual lives.

May there be peace within you today.

During this Covid 19 pandemic may you know that God holds all your worries, fears and anxieties.

May you embrace possibilities and blessings that will come your way each day.

May you trust in God knowing that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you use the gifts that you have received and pass on the love given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

May you feel unburdened, free and energised by a sense of God in your life.

May you know that it's ok not to have it all worked out and that God will also help you work it out too.

May you treasure this day as a precious gift and be open to some surprise along the way.

May you finish today with a sense of gratitude, knowing you have done your best and that no more is asked of you. **Amen**

'May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.' **St Therese of Lisieux**

Notices

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024

Lens of the Gospel.

1. You may feel some sympathy with the Jews struggling to cope with 613 laws and wondering which were the important ones. Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the rules and regulations of your own tradition? And have you ever been blessed by meeting someone, or reading something, that was able to cut through all the layers and point out to you what is essential in life? Who was that person? What did s/he say or do? Is there some phrase or text that encapsulates such wisdom for you?

2. If you were asked what is most important in life, what would your answer be? Recall the experiences and relationships you have had. Which are the ones that you treasure most? What has particularly enriched your life? How would you encourage another person who asked you how s/he could live a full life?

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