

Douglas/Rochestown Parish

**St. Columba's Church
Douglas**
021-489 4128 (Office)
087-261 7143

Sunday Mass
6 pm Vigil, Sun 9.30,
11.00

 [DouglasRochestownParish](https://www.facebook.com/DouglasRochestownParish)

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

Sunday Mass
Sun 11.00

**Sunday 22 Nov. '20
Feast of Christ the
King**

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie



DEATHS

The death took place of: **Dr. Michael Whelton**, Rochestown, dearly loved husband of the late Bernie and much loved father of Helen, Jackie, Michelle and Andrew. May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh se.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Bridie Dineen**, Holygarth, on recent death of her sister, **Nell Bowen**, Beaumont. To the **Horgan Family**, on the recent death of **Jimmy Horgan**. May they rest in peace.

NOTICES

Christmas Dues Envelopes

Christmas Dues Envelopes are now ready for collection. Please call to Parish Office, Mon – Fri. 9am – 12.45pm

Trócaire Gifts of Love

Please let your parishioners know that although some of our face to face channels to buy gifts are closed at the moment they can still buy gifts by calling 1850 408 408 for ROI, 0800 912 1200 for NI or by visiting our website: www.trocaire.org/gifts

As you know Christmas is a busy time for Trócaire and we have recently launched our Christmas Gifts of Love which allows people to buy vital gifts for the people we support. We have 17 gifts in total this year ranging from a 6 months supply of Soap for a family to our new Quarantine Care Kit which gives a family everything they will need for 16 days of quarantine.

MINI ADVENT RETREAT ON ZOOM

For three sessions, during Advent, you are invited to take part in a mini-retreat that will explore the themes of Faith, Hope and Love. The retreat will be led by Fr Billy Swan, St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy and will take place from Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd December beginning at 8pm. To take part, all you need to do is send an email to .thehookoffaith@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link. Come and join us to prepare for Christmas.

Priory Retreat: Reflecting on the Gospels of Advent

We are taking registrations now for our Advent Retreat. It's a series of filmed reflections on the Sunday gospel readings of Advent. We are subsidising the production costs to encourage participation, the cost of the retreat is €40 and registration closes on Friday week, November 27. Maybe it's a sign of the times but it seems people are interested in looking at the 'big' questions especially coming up to this very unusual Christmas. www.prioryinstitute.com

Reminder!

The Advent edition of the Eco-Congregation Ireland newsletter is due to be issued at the beginning of December. It would be encouraging for all of us to hear news from YOU!

The last date for getting news to me for inclusion in the newsletter is Wednesday 2 December 2020.

It is encouraging for us to hear about what each other is doing! Looking forward to hearing from you. Please send your stories and photos to this email address - info@ecocongregationireland.com

The Douglas Lions Club will be holding their annual Christmas Food appeal on 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th December in **Dunnes, Douglas Court** and **Ryan's Supervalu, Grange**. Your support will be very much appreciated, especially during the current Pandemic.

Lens of the Gospel Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

1. This judgement scene contains surprises for us. One surprise is that nobody is condemned for doing wrong, but for their failure to do good. Being a disciple of Jesus is a positive choice about how we live and relate to others. Perhaps sin-avoidance has sometimes dominated your view of what was being asked of you. What difference has it made for you when you viewed your Christian life as a daily opportunity to make a positive difference to others?

2. Another way of saying this is that the aim of Christian living is not me-centred (about my personal sanctification) but other-centred (about responding to the needs of others). What happens to you when you get caught up in yourself? Is your life not better, and often more enjoyable, when you can look beyond yourself to others?

3. Another surprise is to hear Jesus tell us that when we do something for another, he considers it done to himself. When has seeing Christ in others helped you in your dealings with them?

4. The story is about the judgement of the whole of humanity. It presents an ideal of society in which human relationships at all levels are governed by the law of love. In your experience what difference has it made to a group to which you belonged when there was a definite sensitivity to the needs of all members?

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