

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



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

Sunday Mass
Sun 11.00



Notices

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Dermot O'Shea**, Rochestown, dearly loved husband of Marie, loving father of Colette and the late Rory. **Liam Holland**, Rochestown, beloved husband of Máire, loving father of Michael, Laura, Linda, Louise and Lisa, **Theresa Jordan**, Rochestown, Sadly missed by her loving nephews, nieces, especially Theresa and family. **Paul Kelleher**, Maryborough Hill, beloved husband of Barbara, and loving father of Teresa, David, Mark, Paula and the late Sandra and Tim
May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

News Desk

Christmas Dues Envelopes

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

Diocesan Advent/Christmas Carol Service 2020

2020 continues to be very challenging time in the pastoral life of parishes. It has also been a very difficult year for parish choirs and for those involved in music ministry who have not been able to participate in Mass since mid-March. In that time it has not even been possible for church choirs to gather for rehearsals. Parishes and choirs are finding this silence difficult and miss the personal support and spiritual nourishment of song and music as well as the experience of just being together. Even if public worship resumes with restrictions soon Christmas will still be very different and group choir participation at Christmas Masses will not be possible. It is my hope that a cantor and accompanist will participate in most Christmas Masses in parishes this year.

At this time of the year parishes would also be preparing their own carol services during the season of Advent and as we approach the Christmastime. This year these carol services will not be taking place due to ongoing restrictions. These annual carol services will be missed by people and parishes and especially by choirs and their members.

*It is so important to keep our parishes and choirs connected through music and singing. It is in this context that I have been working with a co-ordinating group to arrange a Diocesan Advent/Christmas Carol Service to take place on **Sunday 13th December 2020 at 7.30pm** from the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne Cork. We have been able to work with Church Services TV who have installed webcams in a number of churches throughout the Diocese. This will enable us to connect with other parish churches of the Diocese by allowing a small number of people drawn from the parish choir to participate via their church webcam. This will then be streamed into the Cathedral as part of the Carol Service.*

It is hoped that people throughout the Diocese especially those who are members of choirs will be able to gather with their family to participate in the Carol Service from their own home.

*The order of service and the words of the carols will be circulated to parishes and made available for download from the Diocesan Website in advance for you to share with parishioners and parish choirs so that as many people as possible can experience the joy of music and singing as well as the experience of joining together even if it is only virtually. I would be grateful if you could circulate this invitation in your parish so that as many people as possible can participate in this diocesan-wide carol service. **Bishop Fintan Gavin***

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Welcome to our Family – tune in, listen and join in the faith conversation!

The Douglas Lions Annual Food Appeal The Managements of Douglas Court and Ryans Supervalu Grange, are allowing DOUGLAS LIONS to leave a trolley unattended with adequate Lions signage. No collectors are allowed. Trolleys will be outside "Dunnes Stores" in Douglas Court and in Ryans from Thursday the 3rd of December to Sunday the 6th of December. Your continued support would be very much appreciated, especially during current Pandemic.

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.