



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

Sunday Mass
 Sat Vigil 6 pm
 Sun 9.30am & 11.00 am

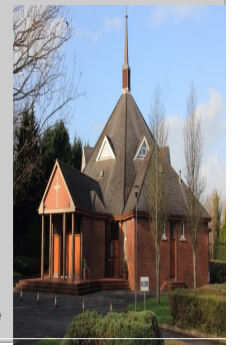


Douglas/Rochestown Parish

Sunday 24 July '22
World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

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

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am & 12.30pm



www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian Community those who were recently baptised:

Dara Aidan Walsh, son of Caroline & Cian, Maryborough Woods
Ava Juliann Gatley, daughter of Karina & Fergus, Moneygourney

DEATHS

Michelle Carey-Elwood, dearly loved wife of Ray and much loved mother of Robert and Philip and loving aunt of the late Rory. **Con Buckley**, Maryborough Estate, dearly loved husband of the late Grace and much loved father of Judy, Conor, Eoin, and Grace. May they rest in peace. Ar dheis Lámh Dé go raibh siad.

NOTICES

The Annual Mass in St. John's Cemetery Ballinrea Wed. Aug 3rd @ 7.30pm

All are welcome. (Bring your own folding chair)

Medjugorje



31 Aug. – 7th Sept. '22 ex Cork, €775. Only €50 deposit. Contact: Angela Gowing 087 6140076. Or prayer meeting Holy Trinity Church @ 8pm every Wednesday night.

Congratulations to the **Douglas GAA Feile squad**, which, in addition to winning both hurling and football Cork county titles, was the only club in the entire country to compete in Division One in both codes in the National Finals that were held recently. Not only that, but they won the Shield in hurling, and the Plate in football, winning 6 out of their 8 games in total across the two competitions, beating the champions of Dublin, Clare, Galway, Derry, Kildare and New York along the way. Well done to all the players and mentors!

Annual Padre Pio Mass

The annual concelebrated Mass commemorating the day of Padre Pio's ordination to the priesthood will take place on Sunday 7th August from 2.30pm, in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, Cork. Confessions will be available from 1.30pm. There will also be the anointing of the sick, benediction, and blessing with First Class Padre Pio relics.



World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly
Sunday 24th July 2022

Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which took place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021. In 2022, the celebration will fall on Sunday 24 July, the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: *"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15).*

The Catholic Grandparents Association has been at the forefront in campaigning for a greater recognition of Grandparents for their role and vocation in passing on their faith to the next generation. The announcement of a new Church-wide celebration for Grandparents and the elderly came in answer to our prayerful request to the Holy Father Pope Francis.

This new worldwide celebration in the Universal Church calendar is a momentous achievement for Grandparents and the Elderly and will hopefully reassure them that they are loved and that they are needed.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time(Intercom)

In the prayer Jesus gave us as a model, the focus is not on getting God to do what we want, but on trying to be open to what God wants: 'Your kingdom come'. That openness implies a trust that what God wants for us is our good. When have you found that it was good for you to take life as it comes, trusting that the Spirit was with you no matter what happened?

It can be helpful at times to pray the Lord's Prayer with one eye on what you see lies ahead for you in the day. Spend a moment thinking of what you have to do and then take each phrase of the Lord's Prayer and see how that speaks to your agenda.

One of the points in the parable of the friend knocking at the door, is that in the case of true friendship it will not be necessary to browbeat the friend into giving what you seek. Recall times when you had a friend who gave willingly and readily. What was it like to have such a generous and willing response? Perhaps you can also recall when you have been that kind of a friend to others. In the culture of the Middle East hospitality is a priority. It would be unimaginable not to help a friend. Just so, it is unimaginable that God will ignore our prayer. When you think of the reliability of God what are the images that you find helpful and that encourage you to persist in prayer?