



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



Douglas/Rochestown Parish

Sunday 11th Sept. '22

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

Sunday Mass
Sun 11.00am &
12.30pm



BAPTISMS

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

Hugo Gearoid O'Brien Kiely, son of Niamh & Michael, Bellevue Heights, Frankfield.
Grainne Ellen Flynn, daughter of Elaine & Shane, Riverway, South Douglas Road.

NOTICES

Feast Days Week Commencing 12th Sept. '22

Wednesday 14th September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, recalls three events:

- - The finding of the True Cross by St. Helena
- - The dedication of churches built by Emperor Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary
- - Restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by Heraclius

The restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem in AD 629 by the Byzantine emperor Heraclius after it had fallen into the hands of the Persian Emperor Chosroes 11 AD 614 .

Under Emperor Constantine, around AD 327, Bishop Macarius of Jerusalem caused excavations to be made in order to ascertain the location of Calvary as well as that of the Holy Sepulchre . It was in the course of these excavations that the wood of the cross was recovered. It was determined by Macarius to be authentic (the crosses of the two thieves were also recovered) and then Constantine built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary

Thursday 15 Sept Our Lady of Sorrows

In his Apostolic Exhortation *Marialis Cultus* (1974) on the right ordering and development of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Paul VI writes of the faith and spirituality behind this devotion:

Mary, standing by the cross, suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself as his mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her, whom she offered to the eternal Father.

Friday 15th September St. Cornelius, Pope, Martyr and St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyr

Saint Cornelius was elected Pope in 251 during the persecutions of the Emperor Decius. His first challenge, besides the ever present threat of the Roman authorities, was to bring an end to the schism brought on by his rival, the first anti-pope Novatian. He convened a synod of bishops to confirm him as the rightful successor of Peter. In 253 Cornelius was exiled by the emperor Gallus and died of the hardships he endured in exile. He is venerated as a martyr.

Saint Cyprian of Carthage is second in importance only to the great Saint Augustine as a figure and Father of the African church. He was a close friend of Pope Cornelius, and supported him both against the anti-pope Novatian and in his views concerning the readmittance of apostates into the Church. During the Decian persecutions Cyprian considered it wiser to go into hiding and guide his flock covertly rather than seek the glorious crown of martyrdom, a decision that his enemies attacked him for.

CONNECT 2

Almost 100 young people, aged between 18 to 35, from all over the Diocese, gathered in UCC in May for the CONNECT event. It was a wonderful day of great joy. The Diocese is delighted to announce that CONNECT 2 will take place in UCC, on Sunday October 16th from 10.30am.

Please save the date. It promises to be another great day. More details to follow and the opportunity to register. For now - just save the date!

LENS OF THE GOSPE

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 September 2022

There are three figures in this parable. The father is a symbol of an unconditional love. Perhaps you can recall someone showing love to you in a way that showed great forgiveness and acceptance. Have there been times when you have also loved in this way, where the important thing was not the hurt you had experienced, but the fact that the wayward person had found a way to a healthier life?

You may be able to identify with the younger son at different stages of his journey. Be sure to follow it to the point where it becomes a good news story for you – when you 'came to yourself'. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation. People often find it easy to identify with the older son, feeling that the father went overboard in the reception home for the wayward son. In contrast to his father he was very judgemental and resentful towards his younger brother. Perhaps you have experienced these attitudes in others towards you, or in yourself towards others. What were those experiences like for you? What did they teach you?

*Small yet strong in the love of God, like St. Francis of Assisi, all of us are called to watch over our fragile world in which we live, and all its people. **Pope Francis***