



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 18th 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:

Robin John & Jack Lynch, sons of JanetAidan, Inchvale Road, Douglas.

Lewis Charles Clark, son of Edel & Albert, Melbourn Close, Donnybrook.

Ella Eileen Nevin, daughter of Emma & Kieran, Heathfield, Ballincollig.

Roísín Denise Catherine Mansfield, Moneygourney, daughter of Caroline & Christopher

DEATHS

Christina D'Alton, Tramore Lawn, beloved wife of the late Eamonn, dearly loved mother of Marcia and Ruth. May she rest in peace. Ar dheis Lámh Dè go raibh si

NOTICES

Priesthood Education Fund Annual Collection 24th/25th September. This year two new students will begin studies for the Diocese of Cork and Ross at Valladolid in Spain and another candidate will begin studies for the Permanent Diaconate. The Priesthood Education Fund will finance their studies as well as costs for ongoing training and education of priests. In the region of €110,000 will be needed to meet these costs in the coming year. Last year €34,364 was raised in this collection so you are invited to be generous to the Priesthood Education Fund Collection this year.

Douglas Community School Open Night Thurs 29th Sept - 6.30 - 9.00 pm **Principal's address at 8.00 pm** All prospective students, with their parents/guardians, are welcome.

Cork Flower & Garden Club meet on Tues 20th at Garryduff Sports Centre 7.30pm with demonstration 'The Colours of Autumn' with Bernadette Scanlon AOIFE...Members and visitors (€5.00) welcome.

Reshuffling at the Gallery 22nd to 25th September open 11am-7pm. New Line drawings and collages. Come see my creative space. Gallery opposite Church. Access also via Carrigaline rd. you can also check out my work online @ Valeriewalshjolley.com. contact me at 0873177673 or valeriewalshjolley@gmail.com

Feast Days Week Commencing 19th Sept. '22

Wednesday 21st Sept – St Matthew, Apostle

St Matthew the Apostle is also known as Levi. He was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus. Before being called by Jesus, he was a tax collector. The people would have regarded Matthew as an exploiter and collaborator with the Romans, in that sense a traitor to his people. And so when Jesus and other disciples were at dinner at Matthew's house, the scribes and Pharisees taunt the disciples, "Why does your master eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

He is the author of The Gospel of St Matthew. He preached the Gospel to the Jewish community in Judea and later went to other countries.

Friday 23rd September

St. Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione, on May 25, 1887, in Pietrelcina, Italy. His parents were peasant farmers. . As a child, he was very religious and by the age of five he reportedly made the decision to dedicate his life to God. From this tender age, Francisco had a peculiar ability. He could see guardian angels, spoke with Jesus and the Virgin Mary. This was not something taught to him, but occurred so naturally that he assumed other people could see them too.

The marks of the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, appeared on Padre Pio's body, on Friday, September 20, 1918, while he was praying before a crucifix and making his thanksgiving after Mass. He was thirty-one years old and became the first stigmatized priest in the history of the Church. With resignation and serenity, he bore the painful wounds in his hands, feet, and side for fifty years..

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 18 September 2022*

As often with the parables of Jesus, this one is intended to shock in order to make us think. Jesus is not praising the injustice of the servant, but his purposefulness in preparing for the future. In your experience what difference does it make when you are purposeful and energetic instead of lethargic?

It was his master's call to account that galvanised the servant into action. What have been the experiences, or people, that have galvanised you into action when you had been somewhat half-hearted in your efforts?

Who have been the people whose energy, drive and astuteness have been an inspiration to you in how to handle difficult situations?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters'. When have you experienced the truth of this statement?

Our Lord loves you and loves you tenderly; and if He does not let you feel the sweetness of His love, it is to make you more humble and abject in your own eyes." St Padre Pio