



**St. Columba's Church
Douglas**
021-489 4128 (Office)
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Sunday Mass
Sat Vigil 6 pm
Sun 9.30am & 11.00 am



**Douglas/Rochestown
Parish**

Sunday 2nd Oct '22

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

**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:
Lisa Chionna Ledesma, daughter of Jenicia & Diego, Maryborough Ridge.*

DEATHS

Anne Murphy, Lime Trees Road East, beloved daughter of the late Denis and Margaret and dear sister of Bernard and John. **Gretta O'Brien**, Lislee Road. Beloved wife of the late John and dear mother of David, Jimmy, Kathleen, Ann and the late Marie and grandmother of the late Mark and Shane. Ar dheis Lámh Dè go raibh siad.

NOTICES

Diocesan Needs 2nd Collection, next weekend 9th October '22

October – Safeguarding Month

During our safeguarding month in the Diocese, we ask you to keep in your prayers those affected by abuse, violence and war. Using the words of Khalil Gibran 'Safeguarding the rights of others is the most noble and beautiful end of a human being.'

The Diocesan Adult safeguarding Policy (adults at risk of abuse) is available on the Safeguarding pages of the Diocesan website. www.corkandross.org/safeguarding

Connect 2

Almost 100 Young adults (18 - 35 years) from across the Diocese joined Bishop Fintan for **CONNECT** in UCC in May. We are delighted to announce that you can now register for **CONNECT 2** in UCC on Sunday October 16th. The day begins at 10am and ends with Mass at 4pm in the Honan Chapel. It promises to be a great day of faith, fun, food, and sharing. We will explore how we can all become better Missionary Disciples for the Lord. To register simply visit www.corkandross.org

An Invitation to Remember... A Service of Remembrance will be held by Cork University Maternity Hospital On Fri 14th Oct '22 at 7.30pm In the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road.

All who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss are welcome to attend. The Service of Remembrance will also be livestreamed at this link/ QR Code
<https://www.churchservices.tv/sacredheartcork>

CORK SCRIPTURE GROUP presents "**Blessed is she who believed**" Exploring the Witness of Scripture 4 Nights to Appreciate Women in our Scripture and our Tradition Mondays 3rd /10th/ 17th/ 24th Oct. Scala Centre [entrance opposite Blackrock Castle]. **See notices in Church Porch for further details.**

The Edith Wilkins Street Children Foundation India Walk is back and takes place at 11.30am **Saturday, Oct 8th** from the Glen car park Crosshaven near the yacht club to Drake's Pool and Back. Registration is at 11.15

Tuesday 4 Oct. Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi: St. Francis founded the Franciscan order, including the Poor Clares and the lay Third Order. He was one of the most venerated figures in Christianity. In 1223, he arranged for the first Christmas live nativity scene. Pope Gregory IX canonized him on 16 July 1228. He and St. Catherine of Siena are the patron saints of Italy, and he is also the patron saint of ecology and of animals.

Wednesday 5 Oct. Feast Day of Sr. Faustina (Saint Maria Faustyna Kowalska) joined a convent in Warsaw, at the age of 20 years. She was later transferred to Plock and then to Vilnius, where she met Fr. Sopoćko, who was to be her confessor and spiritual director. He supported her devotion to the Divine Mercy. Sr. Faustina commissioned an artist to paint the first Divine Mercy image, based on her visions of Jesus. Fr. Sopoćko celebrated Mass in the presence of this painting on Low Sunday, also known as the Second Sunday of Easter or (as established by Pope John Paul)- Divine Mercy Sunday. Sr. Faustina was canonised on 30 April 2000.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for Life

Faith can move mountains... well it can certainly get us moving. Recall a time when you were full of self-doubt, skepticism about a project, or lacking trust in God. What was that like? Contrast this with times when you believed in yourself, or in the value of a project you had undertaken, or when your faith and trust in God was strong. What kind of faith have you found enriched your life?

Faith is like a mustard seed, small-, and sometimes we may be tempted to wait till our faith grows. Part of the message in the gospel is to use the faith we have, even though it may be small. That is how we grow in belief in ourselves and in God's presence in our lives. Does your experience back up this?

It is nice when what we do is recognised and acknowledged, but the desire for recognition leaves us vulnerable. It is not always forthcoming. It can be helpful if our main motivation in doing something is the value of the action itself. Have you experienced this?

This is particularly true when it comes to love. Love is a free gift. What is given lovingly is not given because of a claim. What is your experience of the freedom of love given and received?