



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

Sunday 4th Sept. '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:

Niamh Elizabeth Finucane, daughter of Jane & Brendan, Rhodaville Est.

Isabelle Mary Gleeson, daughter of Wailam & Tom Lisle Road.

Jack Luke Weir, son of Caroline & Séan, Castleknock

DEATHS

Suzanne Donworth, Broadale, treasured wife of Tony & Loving mother of Eva and Lucy
 May she rest in peace. Ar dheis Lámh Dè go raibh si

NOTICES

St. Columba's Church Choir will resume rehearsals this coming Wednesday evening, 7th Sept. here in the church 8.pm- 9pm. Mass @ 11.00am on Sunday 11th Sept. New members would be most welcome!

Feast Days Week Commencing 5th Sept. '22

Thursday 8th Sept : The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

Friday 9th Sept : St Ciarán Abbot

St Ciarán of Clonmacnoise's life, supposedly born Ciarán mac an tSaeir, was one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland and the first abbot of Clonmacnoise. *Clonmacnoise was founded by St. Ciarán, who was born around 512. Ciarán was born and reared in an area that is in the present-day Roscommon. He had a number of brothers and sisters. Some of them also entered the religious life.* Clonmacnois is still an impressive site and a place of pilgrimage, especially for the Catholic group, *Youth 2000*. Pope John Paul II stopped off here on his way to Galway during his visit to Ireland in 1979.

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. Fornow - just save the date!

Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork Daily 10am & 7.30pm

Wed 31st August to Thurs 8th Sept. Theme: Mary Mother of Compassion. Mon 5th Sept – Mary & Suffering. Tues 6th Sept- Healing. Preached by the MSC Team.

THE HOOK OF FAITH PRESENTS 'SUPPORTING CATHOLIC PARENTS: SHARING THE CATHOLIC VISION OF LOVE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY WITH OUR CHILDREN' With Fr Chris Hayden Tuesday 6th September 2022 8-9pm on **Zoom** To take part in this discussion, just email thehookoffaith@gmail.com Parents, teachers, priests, religious and everyone welcome to attend.

UNIVERSAL SYNOD 2023: The national synthesis has now been submitted to the Synod Secretariat in the Vatican as part of the global synodal process announced by Pope Francis for the Church, to run from 2021 to 2023. The national synthesis can be read or downloaded from the Diocesan Website: corkandross.org

**LENS OF THE GOSPEL 23rd
 Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The passage is a call to both radical and practical discipleship. When have you found that in order to achieve a certain objective you had to make it a priority, and then take the practical steps necessary to reach your goal? What were the benefits to you when you did this?

'Hate' is prophetic exaggeration for the uncompromising loyalty Jesus seeks in disciples. There may be times when people make demands in conflict with fidelity to another relationship. This can be painful. When have you found that being clear about your priorities helped you in that situation?

Jesus uses parables here to tell us that in important human affairs we do not settle for vague aspirations. When have you found that some element of practical planning has been necessary to make progress with a project? What has this taught you about making the most of your life and of your time?

Pope Francis quotes:

1. Praised be you, my Lord, with all your creatures especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day and through whom you give us light (LS 87 – Hymn of St. Francis of Assisi)
2. Listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor who suffer most.
3. Humanity still has the ability to work together to build our common home.