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Sunday Mass Sat Vigil 6 pm Sun 9.30am & 11.00 am DouglasRochestownParish Douglas/Rochestown Parish

Sunday 23th Oct '22

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

Sunday Mass Sun 11.00am & 12.30pm

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LENS OF THE GOSPEL

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently: Rosie White, daughter of Vicki & Paddy, Maryborough Ridge.

NOTICES

BAPTISMS

2nd collection next weekend Propagation of the Faith[•]

Church Door Collection for Simon on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October

Safeguarding Week 4.

As we start to see church activities increase, we are always looking at updating our policies, guidance and forms. We have updated all forms / templates to make them user friendly and we have introduced a Safeguarding Policy for Pilgrimages. These can be found on the safeguarding page of the Diocesan website.

www.corkandross.org/safeguarding

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].

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Group Annual Procession around The Lough, Cork on Sun. 23rd Oct. (Weather permitting). Assembling at 2.15pm.: The Church of the Immaculate Conception, The Lough. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary will precede the procession, which starts at 3pm, Join us to celebrate the Anniversary of The Apparitions' of **Our Lady of Fatima.** General Enrolment of Brown Scapular. Scapulars are distributed free of charge. *"By means of the Rosary & the Brown Scapular I will save the World"*. **ALL WELCOME!**

Feast Days

Tuesday 25 October – Blessed Thaddeus McCarthy Bishop : Cork & Ross And Cloyne

Today we celebrate the memorial of Blessed Thaddeus McCarthy "the White Martyr of Munster" – whose reliquary is familiar to many of us here in the North Cathedral. He was beatified by Pope Leo XIII in 1896. Over the years many miracles have been attributed to his intercession. He was appointed Bishop of Ross & this was opposed and Innocent VIII then appointed him Bishop of Cork and Cloyne. He set out on pilgrimage to Rome but unfortunately on his return journey he died at Ivrea in Italy. Devotion to Thaddeus McCarthy grew in Ivrea.

The Italians agreed to return a major relic of Blessed Thaddeus & it is contained in the reliquary in here in the North Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne in Cork. There is a side altar dedicated to him in St Colman's Cathedral Cobh.

Friday 28th October Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles. Simon "the Less" is also called "the Canaanite" and "the Zealot." Jude "(son) of James" (Luke 6:16; Acts 1:13) was traditionally identified as Jude, brother of James and author of the letter of Jude, but may also be the one called "Thaddeus" (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18). A tradition has Simon and Jude preaching and being martyred in Persia. Honoured among the twelve apostles, the first followers of Christ. (Jude is the Patron saint of hopeless causes.)

Ss Simon and Jude went together as missionaries to Persia, and were martyred there, according to St Venantius Fortunatus, a poet and bishop of Poitiers in the sixth century. This may explain why so little is known about them and also why they are usually put together.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We are often defensive in our relationships with others. We are reluctant to let another see us as we see ourselves. Occasionally we meet someone with whom we can be totally open and know we will he accepted. With whom have you had that kind of a relationship? What was it like for you to have that freedom?

Likewise with God, when we come to prayer pretending to be better than we are, we are hiding from God. What difference does it make when you pray to God, acknowledging your faults and limitations? Have you ever found that when you are humble in this way in prayer, God lifts you up?

The parable is also a cautionary tale against judging others negatively on the basis of externals. Perhaps God, who looks into the heart, sees them differently. When have you discovered there was more to another person than the negative picture you got from first impressions? What lessons did you learn for yourself from this?" Intercom.

Pope Francis quotes:

Find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world.