



St. Columba's Church
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**Douglas/Rochestown
 Parish**

St. Patrick's Church
Rochestown
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Sunday Mass
 Sat Vigil 6.00pm
 Sun 9.30am & 11.00am

Sunday 1st Jan '23

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

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BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:

- Alice Rose O'Dea**, daughter of Maria & Fion, Curragh Woods.
- Gabriel Sabri Kapsali**, daughter of Medela & Aleks, Upper Maryborough Ridge.
- Liam Fezile Ngulube**, son of Immaculate & Roderick, Mount Woods, Douglas.
- Amelia Claire & Sophia Nicola Reynolds**, daughters of Emma & Ian, Kilbrody.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following:

- Patricia O'Shea**, Maryborough Estate, **Jimmy Madden**, Donnybrook. **Nancy Kelleher**, Rochestown Road, **Tom Deasy**, Maryborough. **Denis O'Driscoll**, Donnybrook. **Phyllis O'Shea**, Douglas Road. **Patrick Reidy**, Douglas Road. **Elizabeth Ann Kelly**, deeply regretted by her husband Paul, and sons Martin & Will.

May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

NOTICES

Christmas Dues Envelopes - please return dues envelopes

GO RAIBH MAITH AGAIBH. *Many thanks to all for your tremendous generosity to the Christmas Collection for the support of the priests of the parish. Thank you also for your continuous generosity in the Christmas Dues. Fr. Teddy and Fr. Pat would like to thank you sincerely for your generosity, loyalty, encouragement and kindness during to 2022.*

SUN 1st JAN '23 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God. At the Council of Ephesus (451), Mary, the mother of Jesus was proclaimed as Mother of God acknowledging the very Godhead of her Son, Jesus Christ. Today's feast invites us to lay our hopes and plans for the new year under her motherly care and patronage. In 431 the Council of Ephesus decreed that Mary is 'Theotokos' (literally "God-bearer") because her son Jesus is one person, who is both God and man, divine and human. At the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) the bishops decided not to add any new title to or make any new definition about Mary - for example, as "Mediatrice of all graces", as some of the more extreme Mariologists wanted at the time. Instead they went back to the tradition which saw Mary's greatness in her act of faith, by which she became "Mother of God",

FRI 6th JAN '23 - Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord - Masses: 6.00pm Vigil, THU 5th, 10.00am FRI 6th. St. Columba's Parish Office reopening on TUE 3rd JAN.

NOV '22 - FEB '23 - Douglas & Rochestown Parish Alpha course run by Fr Billy O'Sullivan

The course continues in the **Parish Centre at St. Columba's Church on Thursday from 7.30 - 9.00pm.** Call or text Fr. Teddy, or Fr. Billy O'Sullivan at 086 8235291 for further information.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE EX CORK

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus This trip of a lifetime (fully guided) will take place from **21st - 29th June 2023.** For further Information and details please contact Marian Pilgrimages 01 8788159 or Jim Keogh 021 4885371. You will be most welcome, but please note that our places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis only.

THE CORK AND ROSS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will take place from **FRI 22nd - WED 27th September 2023.** Further details are available on www.corkandross.org or via e-mail at lourdes@corkandross.org (Information is also available from Joe Walsh Tours (01 2410800)).

Cost: €849 to €899 with a choice of hotels. People, families and parishes throughout the Diocese are invited to travel to Lourdes with the Diocese in 2023. Those who may wish to travel as helpers, nurses or doctors to assist pilgrims in Lourdes should contact lourdes@corkandross.org.

FEAST DAYS WEEK

FRI 6th JAN '23 - The Feast of the Epiphany commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the Baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. The wise men foretold his suffering and death.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Mary, the Holy Mother of God - World Day of Peace

The story tells us that the shepherds helped Mary to realise the significance of the child born to her. She treasured their words and pondered their meaning. Who have been the people who have helped you to understand the meaning of significant events in your life? Remember them gratefully.

We are told that Mary 'pondered these things in her heart'. What part has prayerful reflection on life played for you? How has it been helpful to you in deepening your appreciation for the gift of life?

When the shepherds realized that they had been witnesses to a wonderful manifestation of God's love for his people they glorified and praised God. Recall ways in which you have been made aware of God's love for you. How have you expressed your gratitude?

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