



**St. Columba's Church**  
**Douglas**  
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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 4th Dec '22**

**Sunday Mass**  
 Sun 11.00am &  
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

[www.douglasrochestownparish.ie](http://www.douglasrochestownparish.ie)

**BAPTISMS**

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

**Saoirse Mary O'Keeffe**, daughter of Lorraine & Diarmuid, Douglas House.  
**Eva Michelle Heenan Clifford**, daughter of Laura & Stephen, Wainsfort.

**SYMPATHY**

The sympathy of the Parish is extended to **Eugene Mulrooney** on the recent death of his mother **Kathleen**, Partry, Co. Mayo.

**NOTICES**

**SUN 4<sup>th</sup> DEC '22** - St. Mary's Dominican Church Choir presents: **Annual Christmas Carol Service** at **7.30pm**, under the direction of Sean Lehane, Director of Music. An evening of Carols, Readings and Classic Christmas Favourites. Free Admission Retiring collection towards St. Mary's Priory.

**CONVERSATIONS IN ENNISMORE 2022 - MONDAYS 7.30 - 9.15pm**

**5<sup>th</sup> DEC '22** - Adventures in Hope: forming leaders for a synodal church Martin Kenneally FPM (Former Principal). (021 450 2520 - info@ennismore.ie - www.ennismore.ie).

**THU 8<sup>th</sup> DEC '22** - Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

**MASSES:** St. Columba's: Wednesday **7<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm** (Vigil), **8<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am.**  
St. Patrick's, Rochestown: Thursday **8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.**

**THU 8<sup>th</sup> DEC '22** - **Studio Gallery**, will be having a bit of do on Thursday 8th. With a bit of festive cheer. Open from 5pm to 7pm. Come and browse, you may see that special someone. Gallery opposite St. Columba's Church.

**THU 8<sup>th</sup>, FRI 9<sup>th</sup>, SAT 10<sup>th</sup> and SUN 11<sup>th</sup> DEC '22** - **Douglas & District Lions Club** will be holding their Annual Christmas Food Appeal at **Douglas Court Shopping Centre**, outside Dunnes Stores and at **Ryans Supervalu, Grange**. This year the Club will have a facility if people want to donate with their Bankers Card at **Douglas Court** and a receipt can be provided if required. *Thank you for your ongoing support to this worthy cause to help the needy at Christmas time.*

**SAT 10<sup>th</sup> and SUN 11<sup>th</sup> DEC '22** - St. Vincent de Paul **Church Door Collection.**

**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**. This is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in an informal, fun and friendly environment. *Who is Jesus, Why did Jesus die? What relevance does Jesus have for our lives today? Why and how should I read the Bible?* If you would like to explore these or similar questions, the ALPHA is for you. What will it cost? There is no charge for the ALPHA course. Call or text Fr. Teddy, or Fr. Billy O'Sullivan at 086 8235291, if you want further information, or just turn up on the night.

**For further information, flyers are available in Church porch and also on the Notice Board.**

*Trócaire Gifts of Love are practical, ethical and life-changing gifts that support some of the poorest communities in the world to work their way out of poverty. Gifts include seeds and tools, solar lamps, school kits and lunches. This year, we have two new gifts of Winter Essentials and Family Food Baskets. Gifts start from as little as €5 for soap for families for six months in countries like South Sudan. All gifts are sourced locally, **make a huge difference in the lives of some of the poorest people in the world**, and support local economies. For more information on gifts, visit Trócaire, 9, Cook Street, Cork or visit [www.trocaire.org/gifts](http://www.trocaire.org/gifts) or phone 1800 408 408 or 021-4275622.*

**FEAST DAYS WEEK**

**WED 7<sup>th</sup> DEC '22** - **St Ambrose Bishop, Doctor of the Church** - born in Trier (Germany) c340, ordained bishop on this day in 374 and died at Milan (Italy) on Holy Saturday 397. He was a lawyer who became governor in Milan, while still a catechumen was elected bishop by popular acclaim. He upheld orthodoxy against the Arians and won many Christian converts, encouraged monasticism and defended the independence of the Church against secular authority. He was honoured as an outstanding pastor through his writings on the sacraments and Christian ethics, his homilies, instructions, and hymns.

**LENS OF THE GOSPEL**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

*John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus. Who have been the people who have borne witness to us of the good news of the gospel that God loves us – a friend, a parent, a teacher, etc.? To whom have we borne that witness?*

*John appears in the story as one who had the courage to be himself in the face of opposition. He was also a person who knew his own value, did not make exaggerated claims and was content with his mission. Can you recall times when you have been content to be yourself, without pretending to be more than you are? What was it like to have that freedom, even in the face of criticism from others?*

*John was 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness' - announcing confidently to those in the wilderness that they must not despair because God's grace may come to them at any moment. Have you had the experience of being in the wilderness, feeling lost? From whom did you hear a voice that gave you hope? Have you been able to give hope to other people when they were in the wilderness?*

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**Pope Francis:**

*"We must be awake, alert, vigilant. Jesus warns us: there is the danger of not realizing His coming and being unprepared for His visit".*