



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 11th Dec '22

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following:

Philip Clohosey, Norwood Court, loving Husband of Joan, and great Dad to Frank, Fiona, Niamh and Siun.

May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh se.

NEWS DESK

Finance: The Offertory Collection Nov '22: St. Columba's: €8834. St. Patrick's: €5612.

2nd Collection Marriage Support: St. Columba's: €1269. St. Patricks: €430.

Many thanks for your generosity.

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS MASSES IN DOUGLAS & ROCHESTOWN 2022:

ST. COLUMBAS: SAT 24th - **CHRISTMAS EVE:** 6.00pm, 8.00pm.

SUN 25th - **CHRISTMAS DAY:** 9.30am, 11.00am.

THU 29th and FRI 30th - **WEEKDAYS:** 10.00am.

ST. PATRICK'S: SAT 24th - **CHRISTMAS EVE:** 6.00pm, 8.30pm.

SUN 25th - **CHRISTMAS DAY:** 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm.

MON 26th - WED 28th - **WEEKDAYS:** 9.30am.

THU 8th, FRI 9th, SAT 10th and SUN 11th 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 people can donate with their Bankers Card at **Douglas Court**. *Thank you for your ongoing support to this worthy cause to help the needy at Christmas time.*

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

MON 12th DEC '22 - CONVERSATIONS IN ENNISMORE 2022 - 7.30 - 9.15pm.

Social gatherin, to celebrate 9 years of Conversations in Ennismore.

(021 450 2520 - info@ennismore.ie - www.ennismore.ie).

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.

FEAST DAYS WEEK

MON 12th DEC '22 - Our Lady of Guadalupe - Queen of Mexico and is Patron of the Americas. She first introduced herself as the Mother of God and the Mother of all humanity when she appeared in Mexico in 1531 to an indigenous peasant, Juan Diego. Our Lady asked that Juan build her a shrine in that same spot. Then the Virgin told him to climb to the top of the hill and pick some flowers to present to the Archbishop. Although it was winter and nothing should have been in bloom, Juan Diego found an abundance of flowers of a type he had never seen before. When he presented the flowers to the Archbishop, he recognised them as Castilian roses, which are not found in Mexico.

TUE 13th DEC '22 - St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr, she died at Syracuse in Sicily, probably in 304, her intercession has been sought for eyesight problems. In paintings and statues, Lucy is often seen holding her eyes on a golden plate. In one translation of Dante's Purgatorio, it is noted that Lucy was admired by an undesirable suitor for her beautiful eyes. In order to stay chaste she chose to pluck out her eyes, and in another legend, sent them to the gentleman in question. Legend also has it that God rewarded her sacrifice by restoring her eyes.

WED 14th DEC '22 - St. John of the Cross, born at Fontiveros in Spain about 1542. He entered the Carmelites and with the permission of his superiors began to live a stricter life. Later he was persuaded by St. Teresa to begin, together with some others, the Discalced reform within the Carmelite friars; this cost him much hard work and many trials. He died in Ubeda in 1591.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

**Third Sunday of Advent
 (Gaudete Sunday)**

In response to the question of John, Jesus let his actions speak for him. Some people show by the way they live what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Who has given you such an example? Perhaps there have been times when you have done the same for others.

John made a journey of faith from an incomplete knowledge of Jesus to a deeper understanding of who he was. Recall similar steps in your journey of faith.

Faith is not primarily about answering abstract theological questions but about living the gospel. What in your life has helped you to get that sense of perspective?

John marked the end of an era, Jesus the beginning of a new one. In our lives how do we honour the past and yet be free to move on into the future? Intercom

Pope Francis Quotes:

"Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace.

TRÓCAIRE - Give hope for a better world this Christmas with a Trócaire Gift of Love. There are twenty-three. Trócaire gifts to choose from, such as chicks, emergency water and solar lamps, ranging in price from £5 to £1000. The gifts can be purchased at <https://trocaire.org/gifts> or call 1800 408 408 (ROI).