



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

St. Patrick's Church
Rochestown
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Sunday 27th Nov '22

Sunday Mass
 Sat Vigil 6.00pm
 Sun 9.30am & 11.00am

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

- Pippa Bree O'Meara**, daughter of Julie & Shane, Frankfield.
- Billy Michael Casserly - Kennedy**, son of Katie & Eric, Pinecroft.
- Annie May Cotter**, daughter of Sarah & Eoin, Wainsfort.
- Maddie Grace Leahy O'Leary**, daughter of Elizabeth & David, Maryborough Ridge.

NOTICES

CONVERSATIONS IN ENNISMORE 2022 - MONDAYS 7.30 - 9.15pm

28th NOV '22 - Divine Presence, Divine Absence: poetic responses to the mystical impulses. Ann McCarthy (Phd with special interest in modern American poetry). (021 450 2520, info@ennismore.ie, www.ennismore.ie).

FRI 2nd DEC '22 - Little Nellie of Holy God: Talk in St. Columba's Church, Douglas, at 7:30pm, by **John Donovan**. *All are welcome.*

SUN 4th DEC '22 - St. Mary's Dominican Church Choir presents: **An Evening to Remember 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.

THU 8th DEC '22 - Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

MASSES:

St. Columba's: Wednesday 7th December at 6.00pm (Vigil), 8th December at 10.00am.

St. Patrick's, Rochestown: Thursday 8th December at 9.30am.

This feast had its origin in the East as the "Conception of Mary by Saint Anne." It spread through the West during the Middle Ages as the "Immaculate Conception" and was extended to the entire Western Church in the eighteenth century. The feast celebrates Mary, preserved from sin from the moment of conception as the first fruits of her Son's redemption and a prophetic model of what the Church is called to be. Every December 8th the Pope goes to Piazza di Spagna in Rome to commemorate the definition of this doctrine in 1854. A statue of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception was designed at that time by Luigi Poletti and placed on the top of an ancient Roman column overlooking the beautiful Spanish Steps.

NOV '22 - FEB '23 - Douglas & Rochestown Parish Alpha course run by Fr Billy O'Sullivan
 Our first **Parish Alpha Course** begins on **November 17th**. This is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in an informal, fun and friendly environment. The course continues in the **Parish Centre at St. Columba's Church on Thursday from 7.30 - 9.00pm.**

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.

GIFTS FOR DIRECT PROVISION

Lest you feel that the children were abandoned during Covid & after, **'Faith in Action' Dennehy's Cross** came to the rescue, inviting volunteer Donors from their own Contacts. They are happy to continue.

Thank you, Douglas/Rochestown, for your generosity in filling that vacuum for 5 years. I continue to do Pastoral Support there on your behalf. ((Sr.) Frances Cummins.

FEAST DAYS WEEK

WED 30th NOV '22 - St Andrew, Apostle - Born at Bethsaida (Galilee), Andrew had been a disciple of John the Baptist. He was one of the two standing with John when Jesus passed and John stared hard at him and said, "Look, there is the lamb of God". Andrew introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to Jesus and became one of the first twelve to follow Christ.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

First Sunday of Advent

The 'coming of the Son of Man' can be applied to the end of the world, to the moment of death, or to any moment of grace. We are not given advance notice as to when any of these will happen, so the message is to be alert and ready. When have you found that your alertness meant that you were able to receive an unexpected grace (e.g. take an opportunity which presented itself, or respond to a hint from another person that you might easily have missed, etc.)

One of the enemies of alert living is constant busyness. Have you ever found that being caught up in your own agenda makes you less sensitive to what is happening around you? Recall times when you paused in your relentless busyness and were rewarded by a significant interchange with another person, a moment of grace.

You probably know the difference between being ready for a visitor and the unannounced caller who catches you unprepared. Let the memory of the discomfort of being caught off guard spur you on to a constant readiness for the coming of the Lord. Intercom

Pope Francis quotes:

"Dear young people, Christ asks you to be wide awake and alert, to see the things in life that really matter."