



**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 18th 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:*

- Elizabeth Viola Hoxhvogli Bonifazi**, daughter of Irene & Andi, Delfern.  
**Katie Dee & Maisie Ena O'Donovan**, twin daughters of Trudy & Diarmuid, Rochestown Rise & Kerry.  
**Jayden Emmanuel Rian Lambo**, son of Sarah & Moses, Abbotswood.  
**Ella Catherine Ryan**, daughter of Karen & Jason, Moneygourney.

**DEATHS**

The deaths took place of the following:

**Mary Sullivan**, Shamrock Lawn, beloved mother of Niamh and Yvonne, dear grandmother of Jamie.  
*May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.*

**NOTICES**

**CHRISTMAS MASSES IN DOUGLAS & ROCHESTOWN 2022:**

**ST. COLUMBAS:** SAT 24<sup>th</sup> - **CHRISTMAS EVE:** 6.00pm, 8.00pm.  
 SUN 25<sup>th</sup> - **CHRISTMAS DAY:** 9.30am, 11.00am.  
 THU 29<sup>th</sup> and FRI 30<sup>th</sup> - **WEEKDAYS:** 10.00am.

**ST. PATRICK'S:** SAT 24<sup>th</sup> - **CHRISTMAS EVE:** 6.00pm, 8.30pm.  
 SUN 25<sup>th</sup> - **CHRISTMAS DAY:** 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm.  
 MON 26<sup>th</sup> - WED 28<sup>th</sup> - **WEEKDAYS:** 9.30am.



**TUE 20<sup>th</sup> DEC '22** - Christmas Carols at St Patricks Church Rochestown at 7.30 pm.  
*Tea/Coffee after and all welcome.*

**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** - 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. Purchase at <https://trocaire.org/gifts> or call 1800 408 408 (ROI).

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE EX CORK**

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus This trip of a lifetime (fully guided) will take place from **21<sup>st</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023.** Highlights include A boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, visits to Nazareth, Cana, Jericho, The Dead Sea, Jerusalem, The Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, Bethany, and many other important biblical locations. The trip includes return flights ex Cork, a comprehensive daily programme, entrance fees, Excellent 4\* Hotels, dinner bed and breakfast throughout. Accompanied by an experienced Christian Guide, Group and Spiritual Director. 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.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: You Are Christmas by Pope Francis.**

*Christmas is usually a noisy party: we could use a bit of silence, to hear the voice of Love."*  
*Christmas is you, when you decide to be born again each day and let God into your soul.*  
*The Christmas pine is you, when you resist vigorous winds and difficulties of life.*  
*The Christmas decorations are you, when your virtues are colors that adorn your life.*  
*The Christmas bell is you, when you call, gather and seek to unite.*  
*You are also a Christmas light, when you illuminate with your life the path of others with kindness, patience, joy and generosity.*  
*The Christmas angels are you, when you sing to the world a message of peace, justice and love.*  
*The Christmas star is you, when you lead someone to meet the Lord. You are also the wise men, when you give the best you have no matter who...*  
*A very merry Christmas for those who are Christmas.*

**LENS OF THE GOSPEL**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**World Day for Consecrated Life**

*The text speaks of how 'God with us' was revealed to the world in the person of Jesus 2000 years ago. I suggest that we move on from there to consider how we become aware of 'God with us' now in our daily lives.*

*It took some time for Joseph to accept the fact that, in Mary, there truly was Emmanuel – God with us. God is with us now, but at times we struggle to perceive God's presence. Where have you unexpectedly discovered the presence of 'God with you'? Recall those experiences and give thanks.*

*Joseph was confused and uncertain about what he should do. It took time, and outside help, for him to discern what his next step should be. Perhaps you have also had difficulties along the way to some decisions or commitments. Recall that journey and the moments when it became clear to you what was being asked of you. Give thanks for the angels who helped you along the way.*

*Mary bore Jesus within her, unseen to all, and unacknowledged by most. In Joseph she found one who believed in the treasure that she bore. We can be bearers of Jesus to others, and they to us. When have you been that kind of a bearer of Jesus to another? Who has been that to you?*

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