



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 8th Jan '23

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Chloe Marie McCarthy, daughter of Racquel & Kevin, Carrs Hill.

Heidi Rose Corrigan, daughter of Lisa & Kevin, Maryborough Ridge.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following:

Jerry Gould, Calderwood Road, beloved husband of Carmel, and dear father of Eva, Kevin, Jerry & David, **Michael Mulchrone**, Shamrock Lawn, dearly loved husband of the late Anna and much loved dad of Myles, Kieran and Pat, **Margaret Robinson**, Ballypnehane, beloved sister of Noreen, Helen, Sheila, Noel, Christine & the late Kathleen & Joseph. **Phyllis O'Donovan**, Calderwood Heights, beloved wife of Eugene (Paddy) and loving mother of Derek, dear sister of Chrissie, Mary and the late Theresa (Tess, her twin). **Denis O'Donovan**, Maryborough Hill, beloved husband of Mo (Maureen) loving father of Denise father-in-law of Leo, adored grandad of Matthew and James. **Philomena Horgan**, Monegourney, beloved wife of the late Liam, loving mother of Geraldine and Noreen, **Patrick Nolan**, Kingslea, Grange, dearly loved husband of the late Marion and much loved father of Michael, Liam, Collette, Patrick and Mark, **John Lyons**, Maryborough Estate, dearly loved husband of Kathleen, loving father of Linda & the late Adrian and dear brother of Michael & the late Mary.

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

NEWS DESK

Please return Christmas Dues.

NOTICES

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE EX CORK - Walk in the footsteps of Jesus This trip of a lifetime (fully guided) will take place from **21st -29th JUN '23**. 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: Marian Pilgrimages 01 8788159 or Jim Keogh 021 4885371. You will be most welcome, but 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 to WED 27th SEP '23**. 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.

ALHOMECARE - Affordable Live-in Homecare provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call **Eileen or Tom** today on 087 991 6791 or 087 744 0729. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie.

FEAST DAYS WEEK

SUN 8th JAN '23 - FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Jesus is anointed with the aspirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the servant of god. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ –Priest, Prophet and King – and the Father looks on us with favour.

PRAYER REFLECTION: Lord, we thank you for deep prayer experiences when we are truly one with Jesus. They always come to us as your free gift, unexpectedly, after a long time of struggle when we felt we were drowning, abandoned by all, including you. After we have been baptised in these waters of loneliness, suddenly – heaven opens and we feel at one with the universe, the sun, the moon and the stars all seem close; – your Holy Spirit descends on us, his powerful but gentle presence so vivid that it is almost in a bodily shape like a dove; – we hear a voice resonating so deeply within us we know it must come from heaven, telling us that we are not aliens in the world but princes and princesses, members of your royal family that we are beloved, and we must never allow ourselves to feel abandoned since your favour rests forever on us. Thank you, Lord. CatholicIreland.net.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

8th January 2023

The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life's journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction?

The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you – either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life.

The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times?

This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in opening you to being aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life? Intercom

In January, we pray with Pope Francis that **educators may be credible witnesses who help the youngest and most vulnerable**. May they teach fraternity rather than competition. 'We want to be defenders of the identity and dignity of every individual and to teach young people to accept everyone without discrimination.'
(Pope Francis).