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

**Sunday 29th Jan '23**

**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:*

**Billy Matthew Nolan**, son of Carla & Ian, Dewberry, Mount Oval.

**DEATHS**

The deaths took place of the following: **Betty McSweeney**, Fingerpost, Douglas, beloved wife of the late Jimmy and loving mother of Ann, Don, Geraldine and James.

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

**NEWS DESK**

**St. Vincent de Paul Churchgate Collection next weekend 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> FEB '23**

**NOTICES**

**SYCAMORE SERIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS - EXPLORING CATHOLIC FAITH** - Have you ever questioned why you are Catholic and wondered why we Catholics believe what we believe? The Sycamore Series is an informal course for those aged 18-35. Join us as we deepen our understanding and knowledge of the Catholic faith. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion, with a meal also included. Everyone is welcome. Start date **WED 1<sup>st</sup> FEB**, 6.00 - 7.30pm at Presentation Brothers Mardyke House, Cork T12W8RP. The course runs for 10 consecutive weeks and it is free, but places are limited. Please email [chaplaincy@ucc.ie](mailto:chaplaincy@ucc.ie) or ring [0214902459](tel:0214902459) to let us know you are interested.

**CAMINO DE SANTIAGO**. Breakthrough Cancer Research are taking on the Camino Ingles from **15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY '23**. Enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help us Make More Survivors. For more information please contact [Mary@breakcancer.ie](mailto:Mary@breakcancer.ie) or phone 021 422 66 55 for more details.

**SPECIAL CORK PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA** last remaining places **9-14<sup>th</sup> JUN '23** ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony Patron Saint of Portugal visit Saint Anthonys birthplace and baptismal font in Lisbon. Contact [James Treacy 061 921470](tel:061921470).

**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> to 29<sup>th</sup> 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](tel:018788159) or [Jim Keogh 021 4885371](tel:0214885371). You will be most welcome, but our places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis only.

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE FROM CORK** - Group Leader Jim Keogh. This pilgrimage travels to Medjugorje from Cork on **9<sup>th</sup> AUG '23** with Aer Lingus. For further information and details please contact [Jim Keogh 021 4885371](tel:0214885371) or [Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800](tel:012410800). Note that our places are strictly limited.

**THE CORK AND ROSS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** will take place from **FRI 22<sup>nd</sup> to WED 27<sup>th</sup> SEP '23**. Further details are available on [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org) or via e-mail at [lourdes@corkandross.org](mailto:lourdes@corkandross.org) (Information is also available from Joe Walsh Tours ([01 2410800](tel:012410800))).

**FEAST DAYS WEEK**

**TUE 31<sup>st</sup> JAN '23 - JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST, EDUCATOR** - Born in Piedmont (Italy) in 1815; died at Turin on this day in 1888. Grew up in extreme poverty and, after ordination, devoted his whole life to educating young people, especially the poor. Founded the Salesians, men and women who continue this work with youth throughout the world. Noted, like the order's patron, Saint Francis de Sales, for his cheerfulness and trust in the providence of God. John Bosco is the patron of youth.

**WED 01<sup>st</sup> FEB '23 - ST BRIGID** - On the 1<sup>st</sup> of February is a celebration of the wonderful springing back of the earth from its winter sleep. It is the season when we celebrate new beginnings and new life on earth. The sod is turned. The day lengthens. Seeds are sown and sails are hoisted.

**THU 02<sup>nd</sup> FEB '23 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD** - It is forty days after Christmas. In the 1962 calendar the feast is called the "Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary" and commonly referred to as Candlemas. This is considered a "Christmas feast," even though it is not part of the Christmas season. This the last feast of the liturgical calendar that we commemorate Christ still as an infant child. The liturgy focuses on the meeting of Christ with the elderly Simeon. With Simeon we rest our hope in the Lord.

**Pope Francis Quotes:**

*"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love."*

*"Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace."*

*"Love is the greatest power for the transformation of reality because it pulls down the walls of selfishness and fills the ditches that keep us apart."*

*"The secret of Christian living is love. Only love fills the empty spaces caused by evil."*

*"Holiness means giving ourselves in sacrifice every day. And so married life is a tremendous path to sanctity!"*

*"Lord Jesus, make us capable of loving as you love."*

*"I think this is truly the most wonderful experience we can have: to belong to a people walking, journeying through history together with our Lord, who walks among us! We are not alone; we do not walk alone. We are part of the one flock of Christ that walks together."*

*"I am a sinner. This is the most accurate definition. It is not a figure of speech, a literary genre. I am a sinner."*

*"God loves us. May we discover the beauty of loving and being loved."*