



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

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

**Sunday 12th Mar '23**

**Sunday Mass**  
 Sun 11.00am &  
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

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**BAPTISMS**

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

**Elliot Liam O'Driscoll**, son of Jennifer & Liam, Maryborough & Dublin

**NEWS DESK**

The death took place of **Derek Collins**, Donnybrook, beloved son of the late Tim & Helen, brother of the late Kevin & brother-in-law of the late Catherine. Sadly missed by his loving brother John and nieces Elaine & Jill. *May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.*

**SYMPATHY**

The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Annette O'Mullane**, Shamrock Lawn, on the recent death of her son-in-law **Cathal Moran**, Kilkenny.

**NEWS DESK**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAR** Mass times: 6pm Vigil Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am & 11.00am.

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR TURKEY & SYRIA** - **Bishop Fintan** has given approval for a diocesan collection to be taken up in support of people affected by the devastating **earthquakes in Turkey and Syria**. This will take place on **SAT 18<sup>th</sup> MAR/SUN 19<sup>th</sup> MAR next**. All funds raised will be channelled through **Trocáire** who are working with the **Caritas Internationalis Network** in the affected areas. **Trocáire** has a longstanding relationship with **Caritas Syria**, whom Trocáire has supported in their humanitarian work throughout the war in Syria. **Trocáire** ensures that all funds raised in Ireland will be channelled to the Caritas Internationalis response in Syria and Turkey where they will be managed appropriately to meet the needs of those most badly affected.



**PARISH ASSEMBLY ADORATION DURING LENT IN PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE**

**Eucharistic Adoration DURING LENT:** Thursdays, 7.30 to 8.30pm 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> MAR.  
 6<sup>th</sup> APR Holy Thursday, AFTER **Mass of the Lord's Supper (MASS at 7.30pm)**.

**PARISH ASSEMBLY ALPHA COURSE - Alpha Course - Thursdays, 7pm to 9.30pm (course from 7.30 to 9pm)**  
 20, 27 April. 4, 11, 18, 25 May. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 June. Further details later.

**NOTICES**

**MASS AND NOVENA PRAYERS** for all who suffer from addictions, for the sick and for families begin at 7.30p.m. each Monday night in the Way of the Cross Church, Togher. Live streamed on [www.churchservices.tv/togher](http://www.churchservices.tv/togher)

**Speakers & Celebrants:**

**MON 13<sup>th</sup> MAR:** James Leonard (The Two Norries). Mass celebrated by Fr. John Walsh, P.P. Togher Parish; **MON 20<sup>th</sup> MAR:** Fr. Gerard Dunne O.P. Chaplain UCC; **MON 27<sup>th</sup> MAR:** Fr. Con Doherty MSC P.P Sacred Heart Parish; **MON 3<sup>rd</sup> APR:** Most Reverend Alphonsus Cullinan, Bishop Of Waterford and Lismore.

**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.

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE FROM CORK TO MOSTAR - 30<sup>th</sup> AUG to 6<sup>th</sup> SEP.** Only €100 deposit. [Ph Angela Gowing 087 6140076](tel:0876140076). Prayer meeting Holy Trinity Church, Fr Matthew Quay at 8pm every Wednesday.

**THE CORK AND ROSS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - FRI 22<sup>nd</sup> to WED 27<sup>th</sup> SEP '23.** Further details 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)). 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](mailto:lourdes@corkandross.org).

**FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK**

**FRI 17<sup>th</sup> MAR '23 - ST. PATRICK** - *I, Patrick, a sinner, a most simple countryman, the least of all the faithful and most contemptible to many...was taken captive. I was at that time about sixteen years of age. I did not, indeed, know the true God; and I was taken into captivity in Ireland with many thousands of people...And there the Lord opened my mind to an awareness of my unbelief, in order that, even so late, I might remember my transgressions and turn with all my heart to the Lord my God...* ~**Confession of Saint Patrick.**

**Early life** - Probably originating from a clerical family in the Carlisle district of north-west England, Patrick's father was a deacon and his grandfather a priest. Captured by Irish invaders, he became a slave, herding sheep on Slemish mountain in Co Antrim. This changed his personality and through the power of prayer ("100 times a day and 100 times at night") he became totally devoted to God and trusting in his providence. After seven years Patrick escaped on a ship probably to Britain and back to his family. But he felt called to go back on a mission to Ireland. He trained as a monk and a priest, probably first in Britain and then in Gaul. It may have been a British monk-bishop who sent him as a missionary. He possibly sold his patrimony to finance his mission and gain access to Irish chiefs.

**LENS OF THE GOSPEL**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

*Jesus leads the woman along a wonderful journey towards a deeper, fuller human life. You can enter the story from the perspective of the woman. Recognise her resistance to growth, her complacency, her evasions, and her eventual acceptance, partial though it was, of Jesus. When have you, or others, made a similar journey in your relationship with God? with others? with your own self? The woman is attracted by what Jesus is saying, but from very human motives: the thought of having water in such a way that she did not have to come and draw it from the well. We can be attracted to Jesus by very mixed motives, some of them matters of personal interest - belonging, community, security,... What have been the human motives that have attracted you to faith, prayer, religion, church and that have been steppingstones to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus. Perhaps we can also see the same movement in the growth of some of our human relationships. You can also enter the story with Jesus, the ideal leader, parent, teacher, or spiritual guide. Notice how he meets the woman where she is, needing her assistance, how he is patient with her, but also challenges her to grow to what she is capable of.*  
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*"In these days of Lent," he said, "walk even more courageously in the footsteps of Christ, seeking to imitate His humility and faithfulness to the divine will."* **Pope Francis.**