



St. Columba's Church
Douglas
 021-489 4128 (Office)
 087-261 7143

**Douglas/Rochestown
 Parish**

St. Patrick's Church
Rochestown
 021-489 6797
 (Office)



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

Sunday 26th Feb '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:

Kane Graham Bobby O'Mahony, son of Nicola & Shane, Greenhills Estate.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Ralph Allshire**, Calderwood, dearly loved husband of Mary and loving brother of Lily and the late Jackie, Thomas and Rita. **Jim Buckley**, Mount Ovel, dearly loved husband of the late Dolores and loving father of Ruth, Susan, and the late John.

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

NEWS DESK



PARISH ASSEMBLY ADORATION DURING LENT IN PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE

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

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH ROCHESTOWN - There will be no morning Mass in St. Patrick's Church on the following dates: **MON 27th FEB**, due to a Confirmation Ceremony. **WED 1st MAR** due to new light fittings being installed in the Church.

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

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH DOOR COLLECTION next weekend 4th and 5th MAR.

MATT TALBOT NOVENA - Fr. Marius O'Reilly will be the celebrant and preacher at the opening Mass of the 2023 Matt Talbot Novena which begins at **7.30pm on Monday next, 27th February** in the Way of the Cross Church, Togher. We ask Matt's intercession to help us carry our crosses whatever they may be.

CORK SCRIPTURE GROUP - 4 Monday nights (27th FEB, 6th, 13th, 20th MAR) on "Treasures Old and New: The Bible as the Heart of our faith". **Presenters:** Sean O'Sullivan, Luke McNamara OSB, Sr. Mary T. Brien PBVM, Phil Mortell. **AT workshop MAR 11th** (10am - 1pm) in The Crypt, Dennehy's Cross Church, Matthew and Justice, facilitated by Sr. Sheila Curran RSM. To book a place: corksripturegroup@gmail.com. Cost €50.

WORKSHOP FACILITATED BY FR JIM COGLE - "Getting the past out of the present" - "Finding freedom from Personal and Ancestral issues". **SAT 4th MAR '23** - 10am - 4pm - St Columba's Parish Centre Douglas. Cost €25. Contact: Noreen Peate - 086 3157144 - noreenpeate@yahoo.ie.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE FROM CORK TO MOSTAR - 30th AUG to 6th SEP. Only €100 deposit. Ph Angela Gowing 087 6140076. Prayer meeting Holy Trinity Church, Fr Matthew Quay at 8pm every Wednesday.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE FROM CORK - Group Leader Jim Keogh. This pilgrimage travels to Medjugorje from Cork on 9th AUG '23 with Aer Lingus. For further information and details please contact Jim Keogh 021 4885371 or Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800. Note that our places are strictly limited.

THE CORK AND ROSS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - **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.

FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 27TH FEBRUARY '23

MOD 27th FEB '23 - SAINT GREGORY OF NAREK was a 10th-century Armenian monk, poet, and mystical writer and composer. His most well-known literary work is a book of prayers, known as the "Book of Lamentations". It is considered a masterpiece of Armenian literature. St Gregory himself defined the work as an "encyclopedia of prayer for all nations," and hoped that it would provide guidance in prayer for people of all walks of life. Pope Francis declared Gregory a doctor of the Church in 2015.

WED 1st MAR '23: ST DAVID IS PATRON OF WALES, where he was abbot and bishop. Several Irish saints were his pupils and he seemed to influenced monastic development in Ireland. The tradition is that David was born at Henvynyw (Vetus-Menevia) in Cardiganshire, and that his father was a prince called Sant who violated David's mother, a nun (called St Non). Norman bishop Rhygyfarch, who lived from 1057-1099 and wrote a 'Life of David' in Latin to impress the Normans, called him Sant 'holy' (sanctus by name and by merit). David is said to have been baptised by Ailbe, 'a bishop of the Munstermen', who is known to have been in Wales about that time. He died around 601.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

First Sunday of Lent

In today's gospel Jesus is enticed to gratify his own needs, or to perform some spectacular act in public. He rejects the temptation because he chooses commitment to his mission and to dependence on his Father over any immediate gratification. We can all be tempted to go for some immediate satisfaction, but is that where happiness lies? Have you found that sometimes there is more contentment in saying 'no' for the sake of some long-term goal? What are the goals, aims, values that inspire you in this way?

One way of looking at this gospel is to say that Jesus went into the desert to face his demons. We all have demons we need to face – compulsions, fears, prejudices, anger, and urges that lurk within. It is in facing our demons that we find a way to live a fuller life. Can you recall a time when you grew through facing a 'demon' in this way?

In one of her reflections Joyce Rupp describes Lent as a 'time to rediscover lost treasures'. Is there something that once was a healthy part of your life and is no longer there: e.g., reading, exercise, mindfulness, prayer, socialising, fun? Would this Lent be a time to rediscover that lost treasure?

Intercom.

"Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to Him as He speaks to us".

Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2023.