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

**Sunday 2nd Apr '23**

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

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

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**Today, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April is PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the triumphant entry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, into Jerusalem, riding a donkey. On that day, the people laid palms before Him, a gesture reserved for triumphant leaders. We celebrate this at Mass by distributing palms to the faithful who may keep them for a time for use as devotional objects. The palms are blessed at Mass.

**BAPTISMS**

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

**Patrick John O'Brien**, son of Clare & John, Maryborough Court.

**DEATHS**

The death took place of: **John Haynes**, Blarney Street & Douglas, beloved husband of the late Mary, loving father of Sharon, Debbie, John and Dillon. *May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sé.*

**NEWS DESK**



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING LENT:** Thursdays, 7.30 to 8.30pm.  
 6<sup>th</sup> April Holy Thursday, AFTER **Mass of the Lord's Supper (MASS at 7.30pm).**

**PARISH ASSEMBLY ALPHA COURSE - Alpha Course - THU 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS to St. Columba's GNS** with facility for **Deaf Children & St. Columba's Boys BNS**, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday & Tuesday last.

**HOLY WEEK IN THE PARISH - TIMETABLE**

--- **ST. COLUMBA'S** ---

**Holy Thursday 7.30pm** - *Celebration of the Lord's Supper*  
 - *Adoration After Mass in Parish Centre*

**Good Friday 12.00 noon & 3.00pm:** - *Stations of the Cross (Confessions After Stations)*  
 - *Service of the Lord's Passion*

**Holy Saturday (NO 6pm Mass) 9.00pm:** - *Celebration of the Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter*  
**Easter Sunday Masses 9.30am, 11.00am**

--- **ST. PATRICK'S** ---

**Holy Thursday 7.00pm:** - *Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

**Good Friday 12.00 noon:** - *Stations of the Cross*  
 - *Celebration of the Passion*

**Holy Saturday 8.30pm:** - *Celebration of the Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter*  
**Easter Sunday Masses 11.00am, 12.30pm**

**GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

**NOTICES**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** will be celebrated on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023** in St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown Road. The Feast of Mercy is preceded by a Novena (**Chaplet of the Divine Mercy**) which starts on **Good Friday** and ends on **Mercy Sunday (9days)**. A copy of the Novena Chaplet will be available in both churches before and on **Good Friday**.

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE** from **Cork** to Mostar **30 Aug to 6 Sep**. Only €100 deposit. Ph Angela Gowing 087 6140076 or come to prayer meeting Holy Trinity Church, Fr Matthew Quay at **8pm every Wednesday**.

**Reconciliation Service in St. Patrick's Church on Monday 3rd April @ 9.30am**  
 (There will be no morning Mass).

**Pope Francis Quotes:**

*"God triumphs, but the palm of victory passes through the wood of the cross. For the palm and the cross are inseparable". "During this Holy Week, let us lift our eyes to the cross, in order to receive the grace of amazement."*

**LENS OF THE GOSPEL**

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - 2 April 2023**

*The account of the Passion is a vivid story with a variety of characters and much action. To enter into the passage we can read the story slowly and see if we can identify with different characters in the story. Also any one scene within the story can provide us with much food for reflection and prayer. Keep in mind that one of the aims in reflecting on the passage is to discover the GOOD NEWS the story has for us. Here are just a few general pointers for prayer.*

*The identity of Jesus is revealed as the Messiah and the Son of God, not with a display of human power, but as one who was prepared to suffer unto death to show us how our God loves us. How does the Passion story speak to you as a revelation of how God loves you? When has the willingness of another person to go to great lengths on your behalf been and eye-opener of his/her love for you?*

*Jesus gives us an example of patient endurance and faithfulness in suffering. Suffering is something we all encounter. It is not something that anyone likes but sometimes we cope with it better than others. What have you found helps you to cope better with suffering?*

*As you read through the narrative of the Passion where do you find yourself resonating with a character in the action? Is there any message there for you that is life-giving? **Intercom.***