



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

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



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

Sunday 9th Apr '23

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

HAPPY EASTER

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HAPPY EASTER FROM THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr. Teddy, & Fr. Pat wish all the people of Douglas/Rochestown a very Happy Easter! Cáisc Shona! "Wielkanocnych"! Take good care on the roads!

BAPTISMS

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

Bonnie Beth Abbott, daughter of Max and Lucy, Ravenscourt, Donnybrook. **Colm Francis Hayes**, son of Shúin & Pádraig, Ballintremple. **Tess Nancy O'Brien**, daughter of Maria & Colin, Carrigaline. **Emma Jean Hollywood-Walsh**, daughter of Jennifer & Patrick, Maryborough Hill & New Zeland.

NEWS DESK

FINANCE: Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal - Amount Collected: St. Columba's: €5,277. St. Patrick's: €3085. Many Thanks for your very generous response.

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.

NOTICES

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY will be celebrated on **Sunday 16th 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.

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.

HOLY LAND CHRISTMAS 2023 Ex Dublin, taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Last Supper Room, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives with full day in Bethlehem on Christmas Day Payment can be made by instalments contact James Treacy 061921470 jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 22nd APRIL 2023 - 9.15am - 5.15pm - **OUR LADYS' SHRINE KNOCK**

Please visit our website www.catechism.ie

The workshop will be of particular interest to those who plan to start a study group of the Catholic Faith in their local area.

THE WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE:

- Celebration of Holy Mass - Fr. Vincent Twomey SVD (Spiritual Director);
- An overview of Adult Learning;
- Introduction to Catechism Studies
- Catechism Studies Q's & A's;
- Introduction to Youcat;
- Stations of the Cross & Rosary;
- Eucharistic Adoration.

FOR BOOKING PLEASE CONTACT: Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin, B.A. Div. Coordinator, Adult Studies Catechism of the Catholic Church, [EMAIL mairin991@gmail.com](mailto:mairin991@gmail.com), [MOBILE 087 795 0325](tel:0877950325). Please bring a copy of Catechism and Youcat. A small donation would be graciously appreciated. Kindly share this poster with your contacts including Priests, Parents, Teachers, Pastoral councils and those responsible for faith formation at diocesan level.

Pope Francis Quotes:

*"We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence."
 "We ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. Yes, Christ is our peace, and through him to implore peace for all the world".*

Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection - 9 April 2023

The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover comes another shock – the body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? What was that like for you? How did you cope? What, or who, sustained you then? Mary and Peter, and possibly others, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. The part of the story we have in this text gives no explanations of what has happened. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.' Have you been in that kind of situation, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you? Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'.

- Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed? ... times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence? • Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was 'trust me'? • Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb and still you believed?
- Where have you found life in such experiences?. **Intercom.**