



**St. Columba's Church
Douglas**
021-489 4128 (Office)
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Sunday Mass
Sat Vigil 6 pm
Sun 9.30am & 11.00 am



**Douglas/Rochestown
Parish**

**Divine Mercy
Sunday 16th April 2023**

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

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

Sunday Mass
Sun 11.00am &
12.30pm



DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Pat Butler**, Calderwood Road, dearly loved husband of Eileen and loving father of Jennifer and Amanda and brother of Teddy. **Mary Harnett**. Douglas & Newcastle West. Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her daughter **Nora** (Gleeson), granddaughter **Emma** and Emma's husband Shane. **Eoin Clayton**, Maryborough, dearly loved husband of Ann and loving father of Jack.. May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

NEWS DESK

Diocesan Needs Collection next weekend.

The Choir of Church of the Incarnation, Frankfield will sing at the 11am Mass in St. Columba's on Sunday next 23rd April @ 11.00am,. **St. Columba's Choir** will sing at **St Francis Church**, Liberty Street on next **Sunday 23rd April Sunday '23**.



Douglas & Rochestown Parish Alpha Course - Thursdays, 7pm to 9.30pm (Course From 7.30 To 9pm) In The Parish Rooms at **St Columba's Church, Douglas**. Commencing Thursday April 20, and thereafter: April. 27. May. 4, 11, 18, 25. June. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Light Refreshments. ALL WELCOME. Information Leaflets available in Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on this Sunday 16 th April 2023 in St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown. Road.

NOTICES

FOYER OF CHARITY SILENT RETREAT Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..."
Do you need to come away, have time for yourself and rest for a while? This is the invitation that Jesus is offering you today. A privileged time to leave noise and distractions and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love May 15th to 21st Mount Melleray Abbey, Co. Waterford Cost (Full Board) €400.
Preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne (Foyer of Charity). Daily Mass, Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Teachings. Enquiries: Helen 086 1678027 / hellywilliams@gmail.com
www.foyerofcharity.ie

The Foyers give authentic spiritual teaching, in a climate of silence, charity, devotion to Mary, which opens souls to conversion, deepen their life with God and forms them for the apostolate". Paul VI, 12 Nov. 1975

Monastic Vocations Weekend St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh. 6th – 7th May 2023
Opportunity for those discerning a religious vocation to pray and work alongside our Monastic Community. Talks on our history, way of life and spirituality. For more information please contact Mother Prioress on 021 4811354 or email cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com www.benedictineadorerscobh.ie

Evangelisation & Vocation Conference. Priesthood in a Synodal Church
April 25th (Feast of St Mark the Evangelist). Ranehan Hall, Maynooth 10 am – 4 pm
Keynote Speaker **Archbishop Rino Fisichella Pro-Prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for Evangelization**. Further Info & Reg visit the Vocations Website conferences.vocations.ie. Conference Free of Charge. Please register as soon as possible.
Nation Vocations Office – Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

"Kindness is firm and persevering intention to always will the good of others, even the unfriendly." "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."
Pope Francis

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

**Second Sunday of Easter
16 April 2023 • Divine
Mercy Sunday**

'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?

Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubts and questions played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?

Note the way Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He took him where he was and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of a teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you on to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?

*'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner? **Intercom***