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**Douglas/Rochestown
 Parish**

St. Patrick's Church
Rochestown
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Sunday Mass
 Sat Vigil 6.00pm
 Sun 9.30am & 11.00am

Sunday 07th May '23

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Eileen Hayes**, Maryborough Estate, dearly loved wife of Patrick C. (Chris) and much loved mother of Fearghal, Triona, Mairéad, Déirdre and Pádraig. **Seán (Stan) Murphy**, Douglas, beloved son of the late John and Hannah and loving brother of Veronica and Eddie. *May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.*

NEWS DESK

Mission and Ministry 2nd Collection next weekend 13/14 May

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 7th 2023 - Cantate Sunday - *'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.'* (John 14:1) Jesus encourages his disciples not to be afraid, but to 'trust in God' and to 'trust in him' We pray that those who are discerning a call in their hearts to serve as a priest, deacon or religious may be encouraged to place their trust in the Risen Lord.

Reflections: It involves **actively seeking the best for another person without seeking anything in return.** This is what Jesus is calling us to when he says: **"Love one another."** *We are to take care of one another's needs, pray for one another, and seek the best for one another, which ultimately is found in faith in God.*

NOTICES

DEACONS IN CORK & ROSS - The Diocese of Cork & Ross invites those who feel a call to be deacons to make contact with its Coordinator of the Permanent Diaconate, Fr. Bernard Cotter, Co-PP Union Hall, [by text or WhatsApp on 087 901 0627](text://0879010627). Full information on the role of deacons is given on our diocesan website (www.corkandross.org/vocation/the-permanent-diaconate). Please pray that those called to this ministry may respond positively.

KNOCK YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME - Participants will be given an opportunity to receive training to become leaders within their parish. This programme is aimed towards those who have an interest in exploring their faith and handing it on to future generations. One problem we all identify among young people is that the older they get they become more disconnected from Church and therefore they begin to lose their faith. We would like to train leaders and create a resource for them to take back to their parishes so that they can work with the young people in their area, engage with them more and walk with them as they deepen their faith. We feel that this will help in responding to the problem of young adults falling away from the Church. It will keep them engaged and also show them that they belong to the Church and that they have a very important role in handing on the faith. [For more info contact Knock Youth Ministry on youthministry@knockshrine.ie or 094-9375321.](mailto:youthministry@knockshrine.ie)

FOYER OF CHARITY SILENT RETREAT - May 15th to 21st - 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.* **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

PENTECOST SUNDAY RETREAT AFTERNOON (Free Event) - Rochestown Park Hotel, May 28th - 2.30pm - 6.30pm (Tea/Coffee provided) - This retreat will interweave Music, Meditation, Poetry, Scripture and Ritual. The afternoon hosted by Martina Lehane Sheehan and the Ruah Retreat Team will also draw from Martina's new book 'The Promise' which portrays the courageous journey of her husband's illness and death. This unique experience offers connection to anyone who knows broken dreams and seeks to rise again. [Bookings to info@ruahrest.com](mailto:info@ruahrest.com)

POPE FRANCIS QUOTES:

Peace will never come by pursuing individual strategic interests, but only from policies capable of looking to the bigger picture and the development of all: policies attentive to individuals, the poor and the future, and not merely to power, profit and the present.

Pope Francis' motto on his coat of arms, "miserando atque eligendo" is taken from a homily by Saint Bede, an English eighth-century Christian writer and doctor of the Church of the Gospel account of the call of Saint Matthew. It roughly translates to "having mercy, He called him."

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
 7 May 2023**

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.'

Trust in another person can help us in difficult times. Remember and give thanks for the people you were able to trust in difficult moments. Remember also when your faith in God helped you through anxious moments.

Thomas struggled with the desire, which is in all of us, to know exactly the destination before we set out. Jesus invites us to make an act of faith and to take one step at a time. Can you recall times when it helped you to take that trusting attitude to life?

Jesus proposed himself to Thomas as the way, the truth and the life. In what ways – either by his teaching or by his example – has Jesus been the way, the truth and the life for you on your faith journey?

Philip wanted Jesus to give him a glimpse of God and got the surprising answer 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father'. Jesus put a human face on the love of God. He gives us a glimpse of the divine. We are Jesus people in the world today, called to follow Jesus and to put a human face on the love of God for those who meet us. Who are the people whose love has helped you to believe in the love of God? To whom have you given an occasional glimpse of the divine?
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