



St. Columba's Church
Douglas
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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 23rd Apr '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:
Sophia Anita O'Regan, daughter of John & Paula, Douglas Lawn.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Eoin Clayton**, Limetrees Road East, dearly loved husband of Ann and loving father of Jack. **Hugh (WH) O'Connor**, Douglas, deeply mourned by his beloved wife, Rosaleen, his children Adrian and Karyn. **Phil (Catherine) Sheehan**, loving wife of the late Paddy, loving mother of John, Imelda, Anne and Patrick.
May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

NEWS DESK

DIOCESAN NEEDS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - The choir of **Church of the Incarnation, Frankfield** will sing at the 11am mass in **St. Columba's on Sunday 23rd April at 11.00am.** **St. Columba's Choir** will sing at **St Francis Church**, Liberty Street on Sunday 23rd April Sunday.

 **DOUGLAS & ROCHESTOWN PARISH ALPHA COURSE - THU 7pm to 9.30pm (course from 7.30 to 9pm)** In The Parish Rooms At St Columba's Church, Douglas. Commenced 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.

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. 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.

TROCAIRE - It's at this time of year that we ask people around the country to return their boxes or donations to their local church or to us directly at trocaire.org.

Since the beginning of Lent, Nasteha and the rest of the Mahat family have continued to receive support from the Trócaire team in Somalia and Nasteha and her siblings have been able to stay in school. However, **the humanitarian situation in Somalia is worse than it has ever been**, as the Trócaire hospitals and health centres, which already treat 22,000 people every month, are seeing increasing numbers of starving and malnourished families and children every day, as the drought rages on across the country.

Against this backdrop, we are asking the people of Ireland, and of your parish congregation, to return their boxes and donations and **continue helping to save lives all over the world**. We look forward to your ongoing support as we continue to mark **Trócaire's 50th anniversary**.

CORK ALZHEIMERS CAFÉ - a safe place for people with Alzheimers and other dementias, their carers, family and friends along with social and health professionals to meet. Last Friday of each month 11am to 12.30pm in St Finbarrs Hospital Activity Centre, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome. **Friday 28th April the next meeting.**

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

Pope Francis Quotes: "Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is life is good when you are happy, but much better when others are happy because of you."

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

**Third Sunday of Easter -
 23 April 2023**

*Jesus joined the despondent disciples and listened to them. 'We had hoped...'.... When you have been upset or disappointed, who has joined you along the road? To whom have you been able to pour out your heart? Who was a 'Jesus person' to you, listening to you in respectful silence? To whom have you been a Jesus person? Jesus then helps them to see things in another light by opening the scriptures to them. When did you have the experience of finding your heart 'burning within you' with new hope for the future? Who/what helped you to change after a setback? The disciples invite Jesus to join them at table – there follows a recognition of who he is. We meet many people on the road of life. Usually we meet and pass on. Occasionally we meet someone whom we invite into our homes, into our hearts, in a deeper way. In what way in such relationships have you experienced the presence of God or of Jesus? After Jesus had gone the disciples went to bring the good news to others. When have you met others who told you what happened to them along their road? What effect did this sharing have on you? When have you done this with others? When was such a conversation 'good news' for you or others?
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