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

**Feast of Corpus Christi**  
**11th Jun '23**

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

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

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**BAPTISMS**

*We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:*  
**Maria Helena O'Donovan**, daughter of Martha & Hughie, Maryborough Woods.

**DEATHS**

The deaths took place of the following: **Peter Gerald Purcell**, beloved father of Simon and Amy. **Niall McAuliffe**, beloved son of Mary, and the late Dan, much loved brother of Martin, Noel and Kieran. **Eileen Lemasney**, Rochestown & Ballinlough, much loved wife of Pat and dearly loved mother of Kevin, Sean, Pat, Claire, Brian and Joanne in 'Deaths'.  
*May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.*

**NEWS DESK**

**THE 97<sup>th</sup> EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2023**

**We welcome you to join us at 2:30pm at the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne to begin our Procession at 3pm.** *This year, we will follow a new route concluding at the Ss. Peter and Paul's Church for a Homily and Benediction celebrated by Most Reverend Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork and Ross.*

**NOTICES**

**MASS AT ST. MICHAEL'S CEMETERY BLACKROCK on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm** - Family members, friends and neighbours of all those buried in St. Michaels Cemetery are invited to attend. Please bring your own chairs, as seating will not be provided. In the event of bad weather Mass will be celebrated in Holy Cross Church. **Extra Parking and toilet facilities in St. Michael's GAA grounds.**

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE** - Last remaining places for special Cork Pilgrimage to the Holy Land at Christmas 2023 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 contact James Treacy 061921470 - [jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com](mailto:jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com)

**FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 12 JUN '23**

**TUE 13<sup>th</sup> JUN - ST ANTHONY OF PADUA** - Priest and doctor of the Church. Born in Lisbon (Portugal) in 1195; died at Padua (Italy) on this day in 1231. At first an Augustinian priest and scholar, then became a Franciscan to do missionary work in north Africa but this was thwarted by illness. Instead, he became a teacher of theology and a brilliant popular preacher in southern France and Italy, a servant of the poor, and a worker of miracles. The love of Jesus, the desire to tell others about him, humility and eloquence as well as his role in answer to prayer for the recovery of lost objects are the marks of the life of and devotion to St Anthony. He was originally from Lisbon, Portugal, but joined the Franciscans and died in Padua, Italy. Born into a noble family beside the cathedral in Lisbon and baptised Fernando, he was educated at the cathedral school. At the age of fifteen he joined the Augustinian Abbey of St Vincent. Here he became well-versed in the classical writers, the Scriptures and the Fathers of the Church. As friends were constantly coming to visit him, he asked to move to the Santa Cruz monastery at Coimbra, then the capital of Portugal.



**FRI 16<sup>th</sup> JUN - THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS** - This feast rejoices in God's constant love for his "sheep," just like the shepherd who tends his flocks. Jesus goes further, with his parable of the lost sheep, to show the Father's tireless search for our salvation. Based on the "Heart of Jesus" as a symbol of love, the Church strongly promotes devotion to Christ as the incarnate love of God. A key text in St. Luke is about God the Shepherd who, on losing one stray sheep, leaves the other ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until he finds it. Later, in St. John's Gospel, Jesus transfers this Shepherd imagery to his own life's work. He himself became the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep. This developing awareness that Jesus is the visible manifestation of God's love in our world gradually led to an explicit homage to the Heart of Jesus as the symbol of God's love for us.

**SAT 17<sup>th</sup> JUN - THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** - The day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The contiguity of both celebrations is in itself a liturgical sign of their close connection: the mysterium of the Heart of Jesus is projected onto and reverberates in the Heart of his Mother, who is also one of his followers and a disciple.

**LENS OF THE GOSPEL**

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

*Jesus tells us that to have life we need more than physical nourishment. How have you been aware of deeper hungers? What has met that deeper longing in you? Jesus tells us that it is not just something he gives us which will give us life, but himself in his life, death and resurrection. How has your faith in the person of Jesus fed you? Jesus speaks about 'drawing life' from him. In day-to-day living what are the practices which support your faith and help you to draw life from Jesus? The Eucharist is one of the ways in which we draw life from Jesus. Recall with gratitude how the Eucharist has been a source of nourishment and life for you. Perhaps you can also think of human examples of people drawing life from one another. From whom have you drawn life? Who has been able to draw life from you? **Intercom.***

**POPE FRANCIS QUOTES on Corpus Christi:** *"When we receive it, our hearts are overcome with the certainty of Jesus' love." At the same time, the pope said, the Eucharist is a reminder that Christians are not isolated individuals but are called to receive Christ's body together and to build up the body of the church.* *"In the Body and Blood of Christ, we find his presence, his life given for each of us. He not only gives us help to go forward, but he gives us himself — he makes himself our traveling companion; he enters into our affairs, he visits us when we are lonely, giving us back a sense of enthusiasm."*