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**Douglas/Rochestown
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Sunday 14th May '23

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

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

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www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:
Adhya Variyar Whelan, daughter of Rajasree & Paul, London & Douglas.

DEATHS

The death took place of: **John O'Driscoll**, Galways Lane, beloved son of the late Jack and Margaret and loving brother of Stephen. *May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sé.*

NEWS DESK

The Mission and Ministry special collection takes place at Masses on 13th/14th May.

People have always been very generous to this collection last year which amounted to €35,600 and this is much appreciated. Recently Eilís Casey has taken up the role of Parish Life co-ordinator and will soon be joined by a colleague in the role of Faith Formation. Both roles are part of the Office for Mission and Ministry and are funded from this collection. The Office for Mission and Ministry will support/resource parishes and *Families of Parishes* with training of new Parish Pastoral Councils, baptismal teams, support funeral ministry, and facilitate one-off workshops on such things as Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, altar servers, choirs and music ministry, Alpha courses etc. As we renew our diocese, the need for such vital supports is becoming more evident and all these need to be funded.

CONGRATULATIONS to the pupils of **Scoil Phádraig Naofa** who received the Sacrament of **Confirmation on Friday & First Holy Communion on Saturday**

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](mailto:bernard.cotter@dioceseofcorkandross.org). 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.

NOTICES

THE CATENIANS: a network of Catholic men who meet regularly to help and support one another. The Cork Circle meets monthly in the SMA Parish Centre, Wilton. [See: www.thecatenians.com](http://www.thecatenians.com) for information about the association. [Contact: corkcatenians@gmail.com](mailto:corkcatenians@gmail.com) for more.

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)

FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 15th MAY '23

MON 15th MAY - ST. CARTHAGE, BISHOP - Born in County Kerry towards the end of the 6th century. Drawn to the monastic life by hearing the chanting of psalms he took his name from his teacher, Carthage the Elder. His major monastic settlement for nearly forty years was in Rahan, County Offaly. Exiled from there he came with his monks towards this County and was given this site "Moccody's Hill" by the Chiefs of the Deise in 635. He died in 637 having lived his last 18 months as a hermit.

TUE 16th MAY - ST. BRENDAN ABBOTT (The Navigator) - Born in Annagh, Co. Kerry in 484. Very little is known about his life when he was young, but reports told how brightly lit angels hovered over the house when he was born. He was ordained a priest by Bishop Erc in 512. He set up a lot of monasteries in Ireland. One was set up at Ardfert, at the foot of Mount Brandon in Co. Kerry. The most famous one was at Clonfert in Co. Galway. That monastery was set up in 560, almost 1,500 years ago! Today there is a big cathedral at Clonfert where he is buried. St Brendan the Navigator of all the Irish saints, he was the most adventurous. On some of his earlier ventures, he visited Britain, many of the islands off the coast of Scotland and possibly even Iceland. St. Brendan's longest adventure at sea was still to come. A manuscript was written in the 9th century that tells the story of his famous voyage in search of Hy Brasail, or the Island of the Blessed. This manuscript is called Navigatio Sancti Brendani Abbatis. That is Latin for 'Voyage of St. Brendan the Abbot'. This voyage lasted for seven years. St Brendan died in 578 at Annaghdown.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
 14 May 2023**

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments', and specifically the commandment to love one another (cf.13.34). How have you experienced the link between love of God and love of those around you? Jesus is preparing his disciples for his imminent departure and for a future in which he would be with them in a different way. He would not 'leave them orphans' but send an 'Advocate' to 'be with (them) for ever'. 'He is with you, he is in you'. How have you experienced the presence of God with you in your life? Perhaps you have also experienced the challenge of preparing another (a child, a friend) for a time when you would no longer be physically together. Recall how you gave the message of your ongoing support. How have you experienced the presence and support of a loved one (parent, spouse, friend) when circumstances have separated you from them? The proof of the ongoing presence of Jesus with his disciples is that 'I live and you will live'. Discipleship is about much more than rules and regulations. It is about being alive. How has discipleship helped you to be more fully alive? Intercom.

POPE FRANCIS: *"Religious life ought to promote growth in the Church by way of attraction. The Church must be attractive. Wake up the world! Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, of acting, of living! It is possible to live differently in this world".*