



St. Columba's Church
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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 21st May '23

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:

Skyla Doris Susan Von Randow O'Sullivan, daughter of Constanze and John, Carrigaline Road. **Rory Seamus Flynn**, son of Tina & Shane, Thornbury View.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Sheila Lowry**, Grange Park, beloved wife of the late Patrick and dear mother of Thomas, James, Katherine, Patricia, Imelda, Colette and the late Paul and Betty. **Terence O'Sullivan**, Inchvale Drive, devoted husband of Terri (née Buckley), most beloved father of Catherine, Eadaoin and the late baby Darragh. *May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.*

NEWS DESK

CONGRATULATIONS to the pupils of **St. Columba's Girls School with Facility for the Deaf Children** who received their First Holy Communion in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 13th.

Preparations for the Cork City **Corpus Christi Procession 2023** are underway. The Procession takes place on the Feast of Corpus Christi, **Sunday, June 11th at 3pm.**

This year, all choirs, music groups, singers and cantors in Cork, are invited to join the Procession as one group. We faithfully contribute to the Ministry of Music in our parishes and local churches throughout the year. This is an exciting opportunity for the people of the Diocese of Cork and Ross to unite and sing as one voice, in the 'Corpus Christi Choir'. Your involvement in the procession will help to strengthen us in our ministry, encourage others along the way to lift their voices in song and allow us to give praise together as we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. Participants (groups, families and singles welcome) will gather at the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne from 2:30pm. Parking will be available in our local primary schools. At 3pm the Butter Exchange Band will lead the choir in the Procession, as we make our way to the Church of Ss Peter and Paul's, along with many other groups and communities from around our Diocese. Bishop Fintan will preach the homily in Ss Peter and Paul's and our celebration will conclude with Benediction.

NOTICES

NOVENA FOR LIFE - Join thousands of people across Ireland to Pray for Life! - The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Tuesday 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Wednesday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers which will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and [@ChooseLifeIRL](https://twitter.com/ChooseLifeIRL) on Twitter. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

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 26th May the next meeting.

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY IN KNOCK - The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place on Saturday June 3rd from 1pm in Knock. It will include Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross and a talk by Bishop Oliver Doeme. The Main Celebrant for the Holy Mass is Archbishop Eamon Martin. A bus will leave from Cork. Please book your seat early to avoid disappointment. Ring John Joe: 087 1302763.

FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 22 MAY '23

MON 22nd May - ST RITA OF CASCIA: born in 1381 at Rocca Porena (Italy); died on this day in 1457 at Cascia. Obedient to the will of elderly parents, she accepted an abusive husband and remained faithful for eighteen years until his violent death. When her two sons died soon after, she became an Augustinian nun. She was noted for her life of penance and her suffering.

FRI 25th May - POPE ST GREGORY VII: served in important positions under several popes and briefly was a monk of Cluny. Elected pope in 1073 he campaigned strenuously for the reform of the Roman Church and for its freedom from civil powers. Noted for his devotion to the Church in Rome and for the reform of clerical and monastic life and of Church organisation.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

**The Ascension of the Lord
 21 May 2023 • World
 Communications Day**

Jesus meets the disciples for the last time. His final words give them direction for their future. Perhaps you can recall such parting moments in your own life – leaving home, school, college, or the death of a loved one. Was there an occasion when the words spoken to you gave you direction for the future? Perhaps you can identify with Jesus in the story, when as a parent, teacher, or in some other way you sent someone on his/her way in life, knowing that you would not be with him or her as in the past. When did the way you parted help the other to make his or her way in life? Despite this extraordinary encounter with Jesus some of the disciples doubted. Dealing with questions and doubt is part of an adult faith journey. How have your questions and doubts helped to shape the faith you have today? Jesus commissioned this collection of believing and doubting disciples to carry on his work. We inherit that mission today. How do you see yourself as commissioned to continue the mission of Jesus? Jesus told his disciples that although he would not be physically with them, he would be with them in a new way right through life. Have there been times when you were reassured by the love and support of another even though s/he was not physically present with you? What are the things that help you to be aware of the presence of the risen Jesus with you on life's journey?
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