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

**Sunday 25th 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:*

**Paris Lenihan**, daughter of Tara & Terence, Greenvalley.

**DEATHS**

The death took place of: **Elizabeth (Lily) O'Brien**, dearly loved wife of the late Manus, loving mother of Darina, Greg and Finola. *May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sí.*

**SYMPATHY**

The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Patricia Kelleher**, Glenbrook, on the recent death of her, **Brian McCormack**, Sutton, Co. Dublin & formerly of Glenbrook, Passage West. To **Margaret Mulrooney** on the death of her mother **Mary Forde**, Claregalway.

**NEWS DESK**

**CONSIDERING THE PRIESTHOOD?** The **Diocese of Cork and Ross** will host a special 'Come and See' event for men considering the priesthood on **Sunday, July 2nd**. It will take place in Mardyke House (T12 W8RP) **from 2pm to 5pm**. It will be an opportunity to take a gentle initial step and to pray, share and explore if the Lord might be calling you to the priesthood. [To register simply email vocations@corkandross.org](mailto:vocations@corkandross.org)

**NOTICES**

**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 30th June the next meeting.](#)

**SMA Wilton Parish Community Centre, Cork: The Diary of Anne Frank Her Journey in Music Sat 22nd July 2023.** [THE CONCERT : WHAT YOU WILL SEE AND HEAR](#) - 'The Diary of Anne Frank Her Journey in Music' by **Composer Girish Paul** is a dramatic concert production by the multi-instrumentalist and his virtual orchestra. The show features powerful storytelling via orchestral music and on-screen filmed performances by professional Irish actors which capture the loves, joys, growth, conflicts, compassion, resilience and innermost feelings of the remarkable 13-year old schoolgirl, whose message of Hope in secret hiding during World War Two has inspired millions. A message as relevant today as ever.

**THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION IN HONOUR OF FR. MATHEW** will be held on Tuesday 4th July at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Tory Top Road, Ballyphehane, T12HW89. This special family friendly event is organised by Cork Regional Pioneer Council. There will be refreshments afterwards in Togher Community Centre on Togher Road, T12TX2Y. *Beidh fáilte roimh cách. Everybody's welcome.*

**FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 26 JUNE '23**

**27<sup>th</sup> JUN - ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA**, Bishop, Doctor of the Church. Born near Alexandria (Egypt) about 370; died there on this day in 444. An able theologian and bishop of his native city, but somewhat confrontational in attacking non-Christians and heretics. His mother's brother Theophilus had become the patriarch of Alexandria. Cyril was well-educated and when his uncle died in 412 he succeeded him as patriarch.

**29<sup>th</sup> JUN - SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES:** They died as martyrs at Rome under Nero, between 64-67. This pre-eminent feast day of the city of Rome has been observed on this date since the mid-third century. It commemorates the martyrdoms of Peter "the chief of the apostles" and Paul "the apostle to the Gentiles." Noted for their faith, their courage, and their leadership during the difficult days of the birth of the Church. Today is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, twin founders of the Church in Rome. It is the day traditionally considered in pagan Rome to be its foundation day by Romulus. Although Paul had occasion to stand up to Peter because he would not eat with Gentiles - 'I opposed him to his face, since he was manifestly in the wrong' (Gal 2:11) - they are both jointly honoured on this feast. Today is a day when the Pope confers the pallium on all the archbishops whom he has appointed in the previous year. The conversion of St Paul is celebrated on 25th January. Simon was a bit of a bungler. Is there then an irony that is providential in Jesus' choice of him as the leader of the campaign and of the community he put together to bring his salvation to the world. Simon's mission is implied in the new name that Jesus gave him, Cephas or Peter, meaning Rock.

**LENS OF THE GOSPEL**

**12th Sunday in Ordinary  
 Time - 25 June 2023**

*'Do not fear' is the unifying theme in this passage which is set in the context of a mission sermon by Jesus, preparing his disciples for what lay ahead. He urges them to have courage in speaking his message and living his message, drawing strength from their trust in the Father whose care for us exceeds his care for hundreds of sparrows. How has trust in God been a source of strength in life for you? The body/soul terminology presupposes an anthropology in which the soul represents one's real self and the body is the perishable shell. For Jesus the important thing is to be true to one's real self, even if this does involve some material or physical loss or pain. When you have had that kind of courage, what was it like for you? There is no such thing as secret discipleship. It is in declaring their allegiance to Jesus that his followers will find life. They will be the losers if they hide their discipleship. Does this resonate with your experience.'* **Intercom.**

**POPE FRANCIS QUOTES:**

*"Human rights are not only violated by terrorism, repression or assassination, but also by unfair economic structures that creates huge inequalities. Life is a journey. God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."*