



St. Columba's Church
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**Douglas/Rochestown
 Parish**

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

Sunday 3rd Sep '23

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

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BAPTISMS

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:

Cuán Christopher Barry, son of Eimear & Gareth, Westgrove. **Gigi Rose Hickey**, daughter of Kayleigh & David, Fort Hill, Maryborough Hill. **George Gabriel Pizzetti**, son of Linda & Roberto, East Wall, Dublin. **James Kevin Barry**, son of Nicola & Stephen, Willow Park. Sth. Douglas Rd. **Leo Barra McKennon**, son of Niamh & Ryan, Douglas Road. **Florence Mary Jean O'Mahony**, daughter of Kate & Finbarr, Lancs., UK. **Leah & Guillem Jérôme Téchené Romera**, son & daughter of Maria & Jérôme Maryborough. **Emily Maria, Dorgan**, daughter of Leah & Frank, Garryduff. **Robyn Olve Keohane**, daughter of Claifre & Darren, Donnybrook. **Lia Tierney**, daughter of Fernanda & Patrick, Frankfield. **Abigail Elizabeth Varian**, daughter of Kanokphan & Keith, Galways Lane.

NEWS DESK

Finance The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€2242**. Many Thanks for your generosity.

NOTICES

- **St Columbas Church Choir** will resume for practice on **Tuesday 5th September at 8pm. New members are very welcome.**
- **Choir returning to 11am Mass on Sunday 10th September.**

LION HOUSE COFFEE MORNING In aid of **Childhood Cancer** Ireland in Lion House, Church Road, Douglas, **Friday 8th SEP 10.30am - 12.30pm**

CORK SIMON COMMUNITY will be holding their annual Church Gate Collection on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th September 2023. We rely on the Church Gate Collections as a source of funding in order to provide our services for people who are homeless in Cork. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 4th SEPT. '23

FRI 8th SEPTEMBER, NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Origin in St Ann's Basilica, Jerusalem. The origin of the liturgy of this feast can be traced to the consecration of the church in Jerusalem in the 6th century that has been traditionally known as the Basilica of St. Ann, the mother of Our Lady. The original church built in the 5th century was a Marian basilica erected on the spot known as the shepherd's field and thought to have been the home of Mary's parents. After its destruction and reconstruction in the 6th century, it was named in honour of St. Ann. Introduced to Rome: By the 7th century the liturgy of the feast was introduced to Rome by monks from the East, where Pope Sergius I (687-701) solemnised it with a litania, that is, a procession with prayers. The procession went from the Roman Forum to the Basilica of St. Mary Major's. The date, 8th September, was chosen as the 8th day (an octave) after the start of the Byzantine New Year and although it was celebrated on various other dates through the centuries, 8th Sept. predominated. Later, the feast celebrating Mary's Immaculate Conception, was set to correspond with it, nine months beforehand, on 8th December.

Mary is the Ark of the New Covenant.

In the East, Mary's birthday is celebrated as one of the twelve great liturgies. The title for the liturgy in the East: "The Birth of Our Exalted Queen, the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary". The oldest existing sermon for the liturgy was written by St. Andrew of Crete (660-740): 'Today a shrine is fashioned for the world's creator. Today a new dwelling is readied by creatures for the author of all creation'.

SAT 9th SEPTEMBER '23, ST. CIARAN, ABBOTT, CLONMACNOIS, Clonmacnoise was founded by St. Ciarán, who was born around 512. His father was a travelling carpenter called Beoit and his mother was called Darerca. His father was a carpenter and chariot maker. Ciarán was born and reared in an area that is in the present-day Roscommon. As a young boy, Ciarán helped his family herd cattle and studied his lessons while out in the fields. When he was older, he went to study with St. Finian at Clonard, which is in modern-day Meath. He later studied on Aran with St. Enda, and later to Senan of Scatterry Island where he was ordained a priest. After spending time in various monasteries, Ciarán eventually founded his monastery at Clonmacnoise in January of 544.

Foundation at Clonmacnois: Here he made his foundation with ten companions on the Shannon River but died at the age of 33 but while it was still being built. He became very ill with a plague and died, a young man in his early thirties. Despite the young age at which he died, he had managed to found a monastic school whose fame would endure down the centuries. Clonmacnois that became famous throughout Europe.

BON SECOURS HOSPITAL CORK/WILTON PARISH INTERNATIONAL FUN DAY, Sunday 10th September, 2pm-6pm.

All are welcome to join us on **Sunday 10th September on the grounds of St. Joseph's Parish, Wilton** in celebrating **THE RICH TAPESTRY OF CULTURES AND NATIONALITIES** that were enjoy here in **Cork**. Throughout the afternoon, we promise that you will enjoy a wide range of exciting activities, stage performances and a variety of other activities including games, arts and crafts for young and old! There will also be a variety of food stalls with a diverse array of cuisines brought by our nurses and other members of the multicultural community for all to sample. *All are very welcome. Entrance free of charge.*