



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

St. Patrick's Church
Rochestown
 021-489 6797
 (Office)



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

Sunday 10th Sep '23

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

FAMILY OF PARISHES

We are now part of a family of parishes with Frankfield/Grange and Christ the King Parish, Turner's Cross. We still retain our identity as Douglas/Rochestown but the three parishes will support each other in different ways. We hope that increased cooperation between the parishes will benefit us all. We have seen how the Alpha programme is not confined to the parish where it takes place. Last year it met in Douglas but had parishioners from the different parishes. Similar programmes and projects are possible. One parish on its own may not be able to organise and carry out a pastoral project but with the cooperation of the three parishes much more is possible. Similarly, the priests of the family of parishes will support each other. The priests of our family of parishes are:

- **Canon Teddy O'Sullivan, Douglas (Moderator)**
- **Fr Pat O'Mahony, SMA, Rochestown**
- **Fr Ray Riordan, Frankfield**
- **Fr Noel O'Sullivan, Turner's Cross**
- **Fr Pat Stevenson** has been appointed as an assistant priest to the three parishes, having retired as PP of Crosshaven. He is a native of Turners Cross parish.

BAPTISMS

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

Mark Patrick, Whelan, son of Leo & Denis, Ryecroft, Maryborough Woods.

Liam Hernanded Corona, son of Genesis & Ruben, Mount Oval Village.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Ann Madden**, Rochestown, beloved wife of the late Con, loving mother of Morgan, David, Conor and the late Adrian. **Breda Kelleher**, Clifton, Grange, dearly loved wife of the late Bill and much loved mother of Jess, Ian and William.

May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sí.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish community is extended to: **Kathleen Lyons** on the death of her brother **Paddy Reidy**, Newcastle West.

NEWS DESK

Finance The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: €2087, St. Patrick's: €1133. Many Thanks for your generosity.

NOTICES

THE TOTUS TUUS MEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE 2023 - a Catholic Conference for Men will be LIVE & EXCLUSIVE on Radio Maria Ireland **Saturday 16th September from 2pm**. Speakers for this year's Conference are Fr. Billy Swan, Fr. Chris Hayden, Anthony Crossey & Fr. John Harris OP.

SYCAMORE SERIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS - Exploring Catholic Faith - Have you ever questioned why you are Catholic and wondered why we Catholics believe what we believe? The Sycamore Series is an informal course for those aged 18-35. Join us as we deepen our understanding and knowledge of the Catholic faith. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion, with a meal also included. Everyone is welcome. Start date **Wednesday 4th October '23**, 6pm-8pm, at Presentation Brothers Mardyke House, Cork T12 W8RP. The course is free and runs for 10 consecutive weeks, but places are limited. Please email chaplaincy@ucc.ie or ring [0214902459](tel:0214902459) to let us know you are interested.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE FROM CORK AIRPORT, Group Leader Jim Keogh, 5th June 2024, Aer Lingus. Full daily programme which includes a visit to all the apparition sites where Our Lady first appeared to the six children in June 1981. Our **4star hotel** is conveniently located close to the village centre and the St James Church. Coach transfer to Medjugorje on arrival. 7 nights **4* hotel accommodation**. Half board: breakfast & dinner each day. Coach transfer from your hotel to airport for return flight. Check-in assistance at airports. 1 x 20kg check-in bag & 1 x small cabin bag. For further information and details please contact [Jim Keogh 021 4885371](mailto:Jim.Keogh@0214885371) you will be most welcome. **Please note €100 off per person for bookings paid in full before 15 November 2023.**

N.B. Our places are **strictly limited** and will be allocated on a **first come first served basis**.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary
 Time - 10 September 2023**

'At the time Matthew was writing his gospel local church communities would have numbered no more than fifty people. They would be known to one another. Matthew presents the instructions of Jesus for dealing with people whose behaviour disrupted and harmed the community. Note the steps suggested. Simple directions but many of us do otherwise. We avoid difficult confrontations. We talk about the faults of others to everyone but themselves. We go over the head of someone who displeases us and make complaints. In your experience, which approach is life-giving for you and for others? While Jesus is referring to a group situation, the advice can be applied also to personal difficulties and problems with others. What lessons has life taught you about constructive ways of dealing with conflict? As individuals and communities we have the power to bind and to loose, to exclude people from relationship, or to open up and include others in relationship. When have you found it important to acknowledge this power in your own life? Jesus also promises to be with his followers when they gather together. What does that mean to you? How have you experienced the presence of Jesus in his followers gathered together? During the recent lockdown due to the coronavirus, how did you experience the presence of Jesus in your faith community?' Intercom.