



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

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

**Sunday 8th Oct '23**

**Sunday Mass**  
 Sun 11.00am &  
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

[www.douglasrochestownparish.ie](http://www.douglasrochestownparish.ie)

**BAPTISMS**

*We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:*  
**Aoibhe Li Ling Davidson**, daughter of Fiona & Robert, Harty's Quay.  
**Barra John McKenna**, son of Sarah & Cormac, Endsleigh Park.

**DEATHS**

The deaths took place of the following: **Margaret Keeshan**, Calderwood, beloved wife of Denis, much loved mother of Donagh, Karen, John & Barry. **Berna Smith**, Laplands, dearly loved wife of recently deceased Bob, loving mother of Fergus & Ruth. *May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.*

**SYMPATHY**

The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Fidelma Ó Corcora**, Maryborough Avenue, on the recent death of her brother **Fr. Brendan McDonald**, Brazil & Waterford.

**NEWS DESK**

**Finance** The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: €2227. St. Patrick's: €1312.

*Many Thanks for your generosity.*

**2nd Collection Diocesan Needs this weekend** - The last Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection in July amounted to €49,098 throughout the Diocese, which is much appreciated. This quarterly collection allows the Diocese to provide on-going supports to parishes in many areas. It contributes to the day-to-day running costs of the Diocese including the cost of personnel, utilities (light & heat, phone, postage & stationery, repairs & maintenance, insurance), professional fees, primary and secondary school religious advisory costs, safeguarding, data protection, mission and ministry and levies paid by the Diocese for national hierarchy costs in Maynooth. *People continue to be very generous to these quarterly collections over the years and your support would be greatly appreciated this weekend.*

**NOTICES**

**ALPHA 3** - A new Alpha course, organised by the Parish Assembly, starts on THU 12th OCT, in the Parish Rooms, St Columba's, and runs for 10 weeks, from 7.30 to 9.00pm each Thursday night. Alpha is an opportunity to explore your faith in an informal and friendly environment. If you're asking: *Who is Jesus? Why did he die? What relevance does Jesus have for our lives today? How can I make the most of the rest of my life?*, then Alpha is for you. Contact: Parish Office (parishofdouglas@gmail.com /021 4894128) or Brian O'Kane (alphateam2023@hotmail.com /086 2441633).

**FATIMA TRIDUUM ST. MARY'S POPES QUAY.** Three days of prayer through **Our Lady of Fatima.** THU 12 OCT - SAT 14 OCT at the 11am Mass.

**SAFEGUARDING** - Week 2. *The Diocese is fully committed to creating and maintaining safe environments within our churches, parishes and ministry. We have a number of polices and guidance in place to ensure that best practice is maintained through our Ministry with children and vulnerable adults. Such as Child Safeguarding, Adult Safeguarding, Garda Vetting, Pilgrimage Polices etc. We also have lots of guidance for ministry within the parishes, as well as general advice around Safe Use of Social Media etc. For more information visit the Diocesan website: [www.corkandross.org/safeguarding](http://www.corkandross.org/safeguarding)*

**CORK UNIVERSITY MATERNITY HOSPITAL** - An Invitation to Remember. A Service of Remembrance will be held by Cork University Maternity Hospital on SUN 15th OCT at 6pm In the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork. *All who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss are welcome.* It will also be live streamed at this link/QR Code: <https://www.churchservices.tv/sacredheartcork>

**CONNECT 3 - Faith Gathering for Young Adults (18 to 35 Years).** The Diocese of Cork and Ross is delighted to announce that CONNECT 3 will take place on SUN 15th OCT at 9.30am, in Devere Hall, UCC. It promises to be a great day of fun, prayer, food, talks, Mass, fellowship, and more. There is no charge for attending. To register simply visit [corkandross.org](http://corkandross.org)

**I.C.A. DOUGLAS CHOIR.** *New members would be most welcome to join our choir.* Practice on Monday nights, 7.30 - 9.15pm in the I.C.A Hall on Church Road, opposite entrance to the Community Park.

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE FROM CORK AIRPORT,** Group Leader Jim Keogh, 5th JUN '24, Aer Lingus. Contact: Jim Keogh 021 4885371. **Please note €100 off per person for bookings paid in full before 15 NOV '23. N.B.** Our places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. See also Notice in Notice Board Church Porch.

**LENS OF THE GOSPEL**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time - 8 October 2023**

*'The target audience of this allegorical parable are the Jewish chief priests and elders portrayed here as rejecting Jesus and his teaching and, as a consequence, losing out on what God was offering them. It is a story of opportunity for life presented and rejected, and they lose out in the process. How important have you found it to recognise and accept opportunities for growth, development, and new life when these were presented to you? The parable is also a cautionary tale about the destructive effects of greed – doing violence to the rights of others which eventually destroys the greedy themselves. What attitude towards possessions has helped you to be at peace with yourself and at peace with others?*

*The vineyard of the Lord is an image for God's people. As we look at the vineyard we have been given, we can ask ourselves 'are we good tenants?' Recall times when you have been a good tenant and reached out caringly for those around you. 'It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it was wonderful to see.' Sometimes a person not highly regarded plays a key role in a project, and it is wonderful to see. Can you recall examples of this?'*  
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