



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 15th Oct '23

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

- Charlie William Scannell**, son of Maeve & Niall, Maryborough Hill.
- Hazel May & Pia Olivia Daly**, daughters of Aoife & Robin, Maryborough Ridge.
- Freya Saoirse Cowhig**, daughter of Sinéad & John, Kiltegan Park.

DEATHS

The death took place of: **Dave Halpin**, Douglas, dearly beloved husband of Barbara, adored father of Victoria, David, Sarah and Aoife. *May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sé.*

NEWS DESK

Finance The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€2404**.
2nd Collection Diocesan Needs: St. Columba's: **€1269**. *Many Thanks for your generosity.*

NOTICES

SAFEGUARDING - Week 3. *A crucial part of safeguarding is supporting those who have been affected by institutional, clerical or religious abuse in Ireland. Towards Healing is an independent organization providing professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical or religious abuse in Ireland. The Towards Healing Counselling and Support Service reflects the commitment of and is funded by the Catholic Church in Ireland to meet the support needs of survivors of Religious, Institutional and Clerical Abuse and their families. To find out more about this service, please visit www.towardshealing.ie or contact free phone 1800 303416.*

CORK REGIONAL PIONEER COUNCIL - The next meeting of Cork Regional Pioneer Council will take place in the Parish Centre Wilton at 8p.m. on Wednesday 18th October. Anyone who would like to find out more about the work of the Pioneers is invited to come along. An afternoon of prayer will be held on Sunday 19th November in St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh. Full details will be available shortly.

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.

FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 16 Oct '23

OCT 17 - ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH (C.37-107) BISHOP AND MARTYR. Ignatius of Antioch, also called "Theophoros", meaning "God-bearer", was an early martyr, who is best known from the seven letters he wrote to various churches in Asia Minor with his strong theology of the humanity of Jesus and his presence in the Eucharist. He also promoted the role of the bishop as a figure of unity in the Church. The city of Antioch on the Orontes was founded in 300 BC by Seleucus I, king of Syria, and named for his father Antiochus Soter, a Macedonian general. It was one of the largest in the Roman Empire. It was a key location during the early years of Christianity, and it was there that "the disciples were first called 'Christians' (Acts 11:26). Ignatius was the second or third bishop there.

OCT 18 - ST LUKE EVANGELIST, MISSIONARY. Luke is named as the author of the Third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Almost certainly a Gentile and perhaps a companion of Saint Paul (29 June), he wrote to reassure those who had grown uncertain toward the end of the first century. In his gospel, the compassion of Christ is inclusive of all: Gentile, Jew, the poor, the rich, women and men, the outcast and the privileged. In the Gospel according to Luke the parts proper to him include the account of the birth and hidden life of John the Baptist and Jesus: this includes the annunciation, the visitation, the presentation and the hidden life (Luke 1-2). All this is an introduction to the transcendent nature of the person of Jesus. Two other outstanding characteristics of the theology of Luke are: firstly, his emphasis on the compassion of Jesus as articulated especially in the parables of Lk 15 – the lost sheep, the lost coin and the prodigal son; and secondly, his emphasis on the role of women. In the Acts of the Apostles he stresses the movement away from Jerusalem into the Gentile world and finally on to Rome, hinting at the universality of Christianity.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

28th Sunday in Ordinary
Time - 15 October 2023

'There are two parables here that Matthew has joined together. The first one: Scripture often speaks of the kingdom of God as a banquet. The image of people being at a meal where everyone is happy and welcome and where all hunger and thirst is satisfied gets across the idea that God loves, accepts, and welcomes us and wants us to make that experience available to one another. Think of times in your life when you have had 'banquet' experiences and when you have felt accepted and loved? The host enlists the help of his servants to invite people to the banquet. The Lord commissions us to invite people to the banquet of the kingdom, to the fullness of life – as parents, teachers, friends, etc. What has it been like for you to play a part in leading others to a fuller life? The message is about being alert to invitations that offer a fuller life and the danger of losing out if we neglect to respond to such invitations. Perhaps there have been opportunities offered to you that you missed, and now regret. Think also of the blessings you received because you seized the moment and took an opportunity that presented itself. The second parable puts the focus on how we respond to invitations. Some invitations are ones that challenge us to change, to conversion, to put on a 'wedding garment.' What has been your experience of changing in response to an invitation you received?'
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