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**Douglas/Rochestown
 Parish**

St. Patrick's Church
Rochestown
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Sunday Mass
 Sat Vigil 6.00pm
 Sun 9.30am & 11.00am

Sunday 24th Sep '23

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

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BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:
Ailbhe Aileen Virginia Buckley, daughter of Gillian & Noel, Rathmore Lawn.
Raphael Timothy Cabrera Dineen, son of Lucy & Peter, Douglas Rd.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

**25th Sunday in Ordinary
 Time - World Day of
 Migrants and Refugees**

DEATHS

The death took place of: **Tony Clifford**, Brookfield, Rochestown Rd. dearly loved husband & best friend of Bríd & dear brother of the late Tom, Joe and Kathleen.
May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sé.

'I was there first'. Envy easily comes to the surface when faced with the good fortune of others, especially when compared to what seems less favourable treatment of ourselves. Can you recall that feeling in yourself and what it did to you? Can you also recall times when you were content with your lot, even though it seemed others had greater gifts, better opportunities, etc.

NEWS DESK

Finance The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€2219**. St. Patrick's **€1345**.
Many Thanks for your generosity.

• **2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: Priesthood Education.** The annual collection for the Priesthood Education Fund in the Diocese will be taken up on weekend of 23rd /24th September. This year two seminarians will begin studies in St. Patrick's College Maynooth. Both have completed a year of initial formation in Vallodolid last year. Another man is studying for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese. The Priesthood Education Fund will finance their studies as well as costs for ongoing training and education for priests. In the region of €110,000 will be needed to meet these costs in the coming year. Last year €70,616 was raised in this collection which was very generous. Appreciating that these are difficult financial times, you are asked to be as generous as you can to the Priesthood Education. Fund annual collection this year.

• **SVP CHURCH DOOR COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND.**



DOUGLAS / FRANKFIELD / TURNER'S CROSS ALPHA COURSE - October to December 2023 inc. 1st Oct also. ALPHA 3 - A new Alpha Course, organised by the Parish Assembly, starts on **THU, 12th October**, 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. To register, contact the Parish Office (parishofdouglas@gmail.com / 021 489 4128) or Brian O'Kane (alphateam2023@hotmail.com / 086 244 1633). **Alpha 3 training on Thursday 28 September and Thursday 5 October - again, 7pm start for 7.30pm to 9.00pm.**

A parent or teacher who gives a lot of time to a difficult child does not love the others less, but if we are one of those other children we may not see that. Recall a 'Jesus person' in your life who helped you to overcome feelings of envy and helped you appreciate that the apparently more favourable treatment of another did not mean a lessening of love for you.

PARISH ASSEMBLY - Our Parish Assembly has come to the end of its (extended) term and we're now looking for parishioners to join the new Assembly for the period 2023 to 2026. If you feel you could contribute to developing the pastoral and spiritual life of the parish, and support people on their faith journey, please complete a nomination form and return it to the Parish office before Friday 6 October.

This leads us to the core message of this parable, namely, that God's love is a free gift, and not earned. Recall moments when you were particularly conscious of the gifts that God has given you by counting all the blessings that you have, no matter how small.

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. free of charge. All welcome. **FRI 29th SEP next meeting. Featuring: Dietician Helen Cummins on the Importance of Diet.**
<https://www.facebook.com/Cork-Alzheimer-Cafe-136469209819937/>

FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 25 SEPT '23:

MON 25 SEP '23 - ST FINBARR (560-610) BISHOP, Patron of the diocese of Cork - The tradition is that Finbar was from Inchigeela and lived as a hermit at Gougane Barra, in west Cork. When disciples gathered round him, he moved his monastic settlement to the mouth of the Lee, where the present city of Cork grew up. The saint's original name was *Lóchán*, but when he went as a young man to be tonsured as a monk for the first time, the man shaving his head said: *"The hair of this servant of God is beautiful."* Another said: *"You have spoken well, because his name will be changed and he shall be called Finn-barr, that is 'beautiful hair', from the beautiful head he offered in sacrifice to God."* So he was called Finbarr by some and Barra by others, Barra being generally used in the Irish language.

'It is too late now' are words sometimes uttered to justify doing nothing about a situation. This parable tells us that where love is involved, it is never too late. Can you recall times when you got a positive response after taking action when you thought it was 'too late'?

WED 27 SEP '23 ST VINCENT DE PAUL, Priest - Born in Gascony (France) in 1581; died in Paris on this day in 1660. A parish priest who worked for the apostolic renewal of the clergy, founding the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians or Lazarists) for missionary work in rural areas and for the formation of clergy. Committed above all to the oppressed and disadvantaged, he founded the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac and the Congregation of the Mission Vincentian Fathers to work with the needy.

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