



St. Columba's Church
Douglas
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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 19th Nov '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:

Lucy Nora Crotty, daughter of Emily & Rory, Old Blackrock Road. **Thalia Rose Korac**, daughter of Maria & Mate, Douglas. **Sophie Ellie Tucker**, daughter of Cora & Patrick, Thornbury Heights.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Dan Ryan**, Maryborough Avenue, Sadly missed by his loving wife Carmel. **Helen McCarthy**, Maryborough, beloved wife of Seán, much loved mother of Alison, Conor, Kevin and Elaine. *May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.*

NEWS DESK

Finance: The Offertory Collection last Sunday: **St. Columba's: €2548. St. Patrick's: €1255.** 2nd Collection: Marriage Support, **St. Columba's: €1595. St. Patrick's: €350.** *Thanks for your generosity.*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 10.30am - 11.30am on Fridays. In church on the 1st Friday of each month 10.30am - 12.45pm. (Except when funeral in church, then adoration in Parish Centre).

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 11-12.30pm in St Finbarrs Hospital, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. *All welcome. FRI 24th NOV the next meeting. Last one of 2023, join us for our Christmas celebrations.*

CORK SCRIPTURE GROUP: *Called to proclaim your Word, O Lord. A Workshop for Ministers of the Word. Cork City: Sacred Heart Church Hall, Western Road, Cork. SAT 25th NOV.* This will focus on:

- Celebrating the Sunday of the Word of God in your parish on 21st January 2024.
- The dignity and significance of the Ministry of the Word within our celebration of Mass.
- The structure of the Liturgy of the Word and how the bible readings are chosen and connected.
- An Introduction to the Gospel of Mark in preparation for the Year of Mark [Year B] starting on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Free of charge to participants. *All welcome, but booking is essential: corkscrepturegroup@gmail.com*

INVITE TO STUDIO **Valerie Walsh Jolley.** Drop in from 11.30am - 4.30pm - **30th NOV to 3rd DEC**, for some Christmas Cheer and a browse for that special gift. Some small unframed drawings paintings, rints. *Email: valeriewalshjolley@gmail.com. Phone: 0214893550 / 0873177673.*

LECTIO DIVINA, a reflective listening to what God is saying to us. *Not Bible Study, but connecting with God. Mondays: 2pm-2.30pm.* Commencing 6th NOV. Venue: St. Columba's Parish Centre, Douglas. *Text: Gospel of the coming Sunday.*

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.

FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 20 NOV '23

TUE 21 NOV - PRESENTATION OF MARY - This feast is celebrated both in the Roman and the Eastern Orthodox rites. In the East it takes its origin from the dedication of the Church of Our Lady near the Temple area in Jerusalem which took place on 21st NOV 543. A church was built on the above site in honour of this mystery. The Eastern Church took it up as a celebration of Mary's presentation to God in the Temple at the age of three, a non-biblical story from the apocryphal gospel of James. Established in the West late in the Middle Ages, the feast was universally observed by the sixteenth century. It celebrates Mary in her grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit from the time of her conception.

THU 23 NOV - ST. COLUMBAN - Born in Leinster, Columban was the greatest of the Irish missionaries who worked on the European continent. As a young, tormented by temptations of the flesh, he sought the advice of a religious woman who had lived a hermit's life for years. He saw in her answer a call to leave the world. After many years of seclusion and prayer, he traveled to Gaul with 12 companion missionaries. They won wide respect for the rigor of their discipline, their preaching, and their commitment to charity and religious life in a time characterized by clerical laxity and civil strife. Columban established several monasteries in Europe which became centers of religion and culture.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary
 Time - 19 November '23 -
 World Day of the Poor**

'A gift given in love, is given to be enjoyed, treasured, and used. Through fear, one servant failed to recognise the loving trust being shown to him and buried the talent. When have you found that overcoming fear helped you to make the most of opportunities in life? On the level of our own personal life, faith is not given to us to be locked away, but to be 'traded' with. We trade with it when we believe in its value, trust it, and use it, bringing it into the experiences we have in daily life. Can you recall times when relying on your faith has brought you rewards? Likewise with our own personal gifts and talents. We can fall into the trap of seeing these as our personal possession so that we can do with them as we like, rather than share them as gifts so that they can be multiplied. What is your experience of hoarding or sharing your own gifts? When did you feel most alive?

Pope Francis in his letter The Joy of the Gospel wrote, 'I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of vangelisation in their respective communities.'

The important thing is to not walk alone, but to rely on each other as brothers and sisters.' **Intercom.**