



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 22nd 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:

Tom Ryan Sanchez, son of Almudena & Paddy, Shamrock Lawn. **Patrick Sean Stapleton**, son of Alicja & Frank, Maryborough Ridge. **Doireann Lilly Horgan**, daughter of Maeve & Chris, Rowan Hill, Mount Oval. **Freya Saoirse Cowhig**, daughter of Sinéad & John, Glasheen. **Méabh Ann Mary O'Keeffe**, daughter of Rachel & David, Douglas.

DEATHS

The death took place of the following: **Maureen Boyle**, Gartan Park, much loved mother of Ger, Robert, Martin, Anthony and Brian. **George Spicer**, Shamrock Lawn. Sadly missed by his beloved wife, Olive, son Bernard and daughter Cathy- Anne. **Donal Crowley**, Well Road, beloved husband of the late Mary, loving father of Marianne, Traolach and Neil, dear brother of Kathleen (Leahy).
May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Rita Lynch**, Church Road, on the recent death of her sister **Siobhan Crowley**, Dunmanway.

NEWS DESK

Finance The Offertory Collection last Sunday: **St. Columba's: €2235. St. Patrick's: €1165. Many Thanks for your generosity. 2nd Collection this weekend: Propagation of the Faith.**

NOTICES

SAFEGUARDING - Week 4. *The Diocese Safeguarding committee welcomed the introduction of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 which came into effect on 26 th April 2023. This law that establishes a new legal framework for **supported decision-making** in Ireland. It allows people to make legal agreements on how they can be supported to make decisions about their personal welfare, property and affairs. These new regulations are for people who don't have the capacity to make decisions, now or in the future, without help. The Act also allows us to plan for a time when we might lose our capacity in 2 types of future planning arrangements, known as **Advance healthcare directives and Enduring power of attorney**. For more information you may find the following websites useful: www.decisionsupportservice.ie
www.citizensinformation.ie/en/health/legal-matters-and-health/assisted-decision-making-act/*

BOOK LAUNCH TUE 24th OCT: One of our priests, **Fr Noel O'Sullivan**, has just published a book entitled, **Sacraments in a Synodal Church**. It is the fruit of his work in parishes here in the diocese and his years teaching in Farranferris and Maynooth. The book is a comprehensive exploration of the sacraments of the Catholic Church as they developed from the time of Christ and as they are understood today. What is particularly refreshing about this publication is that it is situated in the context of Synodality as presented by Pope Francis. The book will be launched by Bishop Fintan Gavin on Tuesday 24th October, at 7.30 in Mardyke House, Cork (T12W8RP). *All are welcome.*

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 11-12.30 pm in St Finbarrs Hospital, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome. **FRI 27th OCT** next meeting. Featuring : **Sinéad O' Halloran - Speech & Language Therapy**
bettycogan@hotmail.com<https://www.facebook.com/Cork-Alzheimer-Cafe-136469209819937/>

LIFE LOVE LOSS - An Online Afternoon Retreat SUN 5th NOV, 3pm - 6pm. A sacred time to honour our losses and remember our loved ones. Input, Scriptural Reflections, Music, Meditation & Remembrance Service **Martina Lehane Sheehan** with **Fr. Ronald Rolheiser OMI**. For further information & booking: www.ruahrest.com or Email: info@ruahrest.com. Donation: €20.

FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 23 OCT '23

WED 25 OCT - BL. THADDEUS MCCARTHY was born in West Cork around 1455. He studied abroad, probably in Paris. After his ordination he went to Rome and was possibly working in the papal Curia when in 1482 at the age of 27 Pope Sixtus IV appointed him bishop of Ross. With a dispensation from the age impediment, he was consecrated by Archbishop Stephen of Antivari and two other bishops in the Church of Santo Stefano del Cacco. Rome.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

**29th Sunday in Ordinary
 Time - 22 October 2023 -
 Mission Sunday**

'The story sees a mixture of religion and politics, a potentially explosive combination. Jesus does not ask us to avoid politics, but that our involvement in the affairs of the world be informed by the perspective of the Reign of God. How does the gospel give you a vision of how your involvement in society should be?'

Pharisees and Herodians were not natural allies but a shared dislike of Jesus brought them together in an attempt to discredit him. Perhaps you experience the same opposition in society today when you profess to being a Catholic. Jesus did not get into an argument with them but simply professed his belief in the priority of God in his life. What have you found helpful in bearing witness to the fact that you are still a Catholic?

Jesus recognises that we can be faced with conflicting claims for attention. He does not tell us how to solve that dilemma but challenges us to make sure that our allegiance to God takes priority. When have you been faced with a conflict of loyalties? What helped you to get your priorities right? 'Intercom.