



**St. Columba's Church**  
**Douglas**  
 021-489 4128 (Office)  
 087-261 7143

**Douglas/Rochestown  
 Parish**

**St. Patrick's Church**  
**Rochestown**  
 021-489 6797  
 (Office)



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

**Sunday 29th Oct '23**

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

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

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

**DEATHS**

The death took place of: **Con O'Leary**, Mount Prospect, Douglas, beloved husband of Mary and loving father of Damien, brother of the late Jim. *May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sé.*

**NEWS DESK**

**Finance** - The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: €1865. St. Patrick's: €1340. *Many Thanks for your generosity.* **2nd Collection Propagation of the Faith:** St. Columba's: €2051. St. Patrick's: €950. *Many Thanks for your generosity.*

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOV (FEAST OF ALL SAINTS)** - Holyday of Obligation: Mass @ 10.00am - St. Columba's and @ 9.30am - St. Patricks.

**NOVEMBER NOVENA FOR THE DEAD:** Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fri 10<sup>th</sup> NOV: each morning at 10am in St. Columba's and at 9.30am in St. Patrick's (not on Saturday mornings). Envelopes with lists are now available in both churches. Please complete and return with your offering to either church on or before 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.

**DOUGLAS MINISTERS OF THE WORD** - The Office for Mission and Ministry in our Diocese has offered to hold an afternoon of reflection, formation and spiritual nourishment for **current Ministers of the Word** to our Family of Parishes, Douglas, Rochestown, Frankfield, and Turners Cross on; **SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2.00PM TO 4.00PM AT THE PARISH CENTRE ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH DOUGLAS.**

**NOTICES**

**NOVEMBER BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:**

**SAT 4<sup>th</sup> NOV:** St. Oliver's: @ 2pm, with Mass.


**SUN 5<sup>th</sup> NOV:** Douglas Cemetery@ 3pm. St Michael's Blackrock: @ 3pm. St James Chetwynd @ 3pm. St. Finbarr's: @ 2.30pm. St. Joseph's Tory Top Road: @2.30pm.

**SUN 12<sup>th</sup> NOV:** St. Catherine's, Kilcully @ 3pm.

**November Blessings/Prayers at Cemeteries**

**GETTING THE PAST OUT OF THE PRESENT.** Workshop with **Fr Jim Cogley** in the **Parish Center, St. Columba's Church** on **SAT Nov 18<sup>th</sup> - 10am to 4pm.** Cost €30. All welcome. Contact Noreen Peate 086 3157144 086 2543927. Booking Essential as places are limited.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN RUNNING ALPHA IN YOUR FAMILY OF PARISHES?**

 The Diocese is hosting an Alpha information afternoon for those who may be interested in running Alpha in their Parish/Family of Parishes on **Saturday, NOV 25<sup>th</sup>** from 1.30pm to 4pm in Ovens Parish Centre. Alpha helps people not just to know about Jesus, but to come to know him personally. Please confirm your attendance by contacting your Moderator/Co-Parish Priest, or the Office for Mission and Ministry at 021-7355517 (or through our Contact Form on website: <https://corkandross.org/office-for-mission-and-ministry>). Keep an eye on the Diocesan website which has full details of the training and formation offered by the Office for Mission and Ministry.

**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.

**FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 30 OCT '23**

**WED 01 NOV - ALL SAINTS** - The 'Solemnity of All Saints' or 'All Saint's Day' commemorates all those who have gone before us and are now with God in heaven. 'The ultimate object of veneration of the Saints is the glory of God and the sanctification of people by conforming their lives fully to the divine will and by imitating the virtues of those who were pre-eminently disciples of the Lord.'

**THU 2 NOV - COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**, is an expression of the doctrine of the communion of saints. As traditionally explained, this doctrine means that each of the three divisions of the Church - the Church Triumphant (all the saints in heaven), the Church Militant (all those still alive on earth) and the Church Suffering (all the souls in purgatory) can help the others by their merits and prayers.

**LENS OF THE GOSPEL**

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time - 29 October '23**

*"You may feel some sympathy with the Jews struggling to cope with 613 laws and wondering which were the important ones. Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the rules and regulations of your own tradition? And have you ever been blessed by meeting someone, or reading something, that was able to cut through all the layers and point out to you what is essential in life? Who was that person? What did s/he say or do? Is there some phrase or text that encapsulates such wisdom for you? If you were asked what is most important in life, what would your answer be? Recall the experiences and relationships you have had. Which are the ones that you treasure most? What has particularly enriched your life? How would you encourage another person who asked you how s/he could live a full life? In the unusual circumstances of recent years social life was disrupted by Covid. We had to find unusual and creative ways of showing love to our neighbours. What ways of reaching out to others did you find were most appreciated?"* **Intercom.**

**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