



**St. Columba's Church
Douglas**
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Sunday Mass
Sat Vigil 6 pm
Sun 9.30am & 11.00 am



Douglas/Rochestown Parish

**2nd Sunday in Advent
10 December 2023**

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

Sunday Mass
Sun 11.00am &
12.30pm



BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian Community those you were recently baptised:
Ellisia Avril Mary O'Donnell Struthers, daughter of Kelly and Arthur, Carrigaline Road.
Teddy Valentine O'Shaughnessy, son of Rachel & Aidan, Rochestown.
Verity Violet Higgins, daughter of Jane & Martin, Dewberry.

NEWS DESK

Finance: Offertory Collection last Sunday: **St. Columba's: €2308. St. Patrick's: €1545**
Many Thanks for your generosity.

NOTICES

Advent Talk

Prepare well for the coming of Jesus this Christmas with Advent Talks on Tuesdays at 7pm in Saints Peter and Paul's Church. Fr Sean Crowley will speak on Tuesday December 12th, and Fr Shinu Angadiyil. on December 19th. Each talk will be followed by 30 mins of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. All are most welcome

The Douglas Lions Club will be holding their Christmas Collections in **Douglas Ct. Shopping Centre, outside Dunnes & Ryan's Supervalu in Grange, on Sunday 10th December.** Thank you for your support as always.

Trócaire Christmas Gifts of Change bring real hope and opportunity to families and communities living in poverty across our world, and a chance to create lasting and positive change. There are gifts for everyone starting at 5 euro for the Gift of Soap. You can support the gifts by buying them online at ; by phone 1800 408 408/021-4275622; by post or in person to Trócaire, 9, Cook Street, Cork. T12 F583. Here is a link to some videos which explain the gifts in good detail if you wished to share the power of the gifts on your parish social media.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage from Cork Airport Group Leader Jim Keogh 5th June 2024, Aer Lingus. For further information and details please contact Jim Keogh 021 4885371 you will be most welcome. See also Notice in Notice Board Church Porch.

Feast Days Week Commencing 11 Dec '23

Our Lady of Guadalupe Tuesday, December 12.

This special Feast celebrates the apparition of the appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary to (now) Saint Juan Diego outside of Mexico City in 1531. Pope John Paul II confirmed the validity of this revelation and declared Our Lady of Guadalupe to be the Patroness of all the Americas.

This feast is a holy day of obligation in the country of Mexico, and Our Lady of Guadalupe is highly honored in that country

St. John of the Cross Thursday Dec 14 John was born in Fontiveros, a small town between Avila and Salamanca in Spain. His father died when he was about a year old and his mother was left to bring up three children in poverty. John was sent to an orphanage where he learned to read and write. However, although he was apprenticed to different trades, John didn't show himself to be much good at any of them. By fifteen, he was performing menial tasks in a hospital for people suffering from venereal diseases. The administrator of the hospital spotted his intelligence and sent him to the Jesuit College in Medina del Campo, telling him if he got ordained a priest he could be the hospital chaplain. After four years study, John felt an attraction to become a Carthusian, but became a Carmelite and studied theology at Salamanca.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Second Sunday in Advent.
'23 Mark opens his gospel by describing it as 'the good news about Jesus Christ'.
Think of the different ways in which the gospel stories have been good news for you. John the Baptist is presented as a messenger to prepare the way for Jesus. Who have been messengers to you, preparing the way for the Lord by alerting you to ways in which you could improve your life? To whom have you been such a messenger? John calls the people to repentance (= a change of heart), as a way to a new life. Can you recall times when you had a change of heart, and the change revitalised you? John baptised people with water as a gesture to mark their change of heart. Sometimes we perform an action to symbolise our change of heart – write a letter, throw away our last cigarettes, etc. Can you remember a symbolic gesture with which you marked a change of heart? Intercom

Pope Frances on Advent:
"God always answers: maybe today, tomorrow, but always answers, in one way or another. Prayer is a question of patience of supporting the wait. Now we are in the time of Advent, a time that typically of expectation; of expectation of Christmas. We are waiting. But all our life is also in waiting. And prayer is always in expectation, because we know the the Lord will answer."