



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



## Douglas/Rochestown Parish

**3rd Sunday in Advent  
17th December 2023**

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

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



### DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Mary Cremin**, Grangewood Court, beloved wife of the late Tom, loving mother of Bridget, Tom and Mary. **Phyllis, Hogan**, Douglas Close., dearly beloved wife of Liam, much loved mother of Fiona and Sara. **Barry Moore**, Grange, beloved son of the late Richard and Hannah and dear brother of Jack, Noel, Gina and the late Bernie. **Christina (Eina) Bryant**, Rochestown Road, dearly loved wife of the late Nicholas (Sonnie) and much loved mother of William and Jacqueline. **Patrick Titley**, Rochestown, Beloved husband of Frances, loving father of Camille and Graham, May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

### NEWS DESK

**Finance:** The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's :€2478 St. Patrick's €1800. Many Thanks for your generosity

**Christmas Penitential Service Monday 18 December, immediately after 9.30 Mass in St. Patrick's Rochestown**

**Masses 24 December in St. Columba's:**

6.00 pm V on Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec., 9.30am & 11.00am on morning of 24<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Masses on morning of 24 December in St. Patrick's 11.00am only**

### CHRISTMAS MASSES IN DOUGLAS 2023

#### ST. COLUMBAS:

CHRISTMAS EVE: 24<sup>TH</sup> 6.00PM, 8PM. CHRISTMAS DAY: 9.30AM, 11.00AM  
WEEKDAYS: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> & Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 10.00am

#### ST. PATRICK'S:

CHRISTMAS EVE 6PM, 8.30PM CHRISTMAS DAY: 9.30AM, 11.00AM, 12.30am  
WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 9.30am

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament IN PARISH CENTRE EVERY FRIDAY, 10.30AM – 11.30AM. EXCEPT First Friday in Church 10.30am – 12.45 pm.** (Except when funeral in church, then adoration in Parish Centre)

### NOTICES



#### CANDLELIT CAROLS FOR PEACE

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 7.30pm, St. Patrick's Church Rochestown

Featuring the voices of:

*Scoil Phádraigh Naofa, Third Class Choir. Gaudate Choir, Rochestown  
St Columba's Choir, Douglas. S.H.E.P. Choir*

**FREE ADMISSION Voluntary Contributions – The Irish Red Cross.**

**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.

#### Pope Francis quote on Advent

*This advent commit yourself in favour of the needy*

*“Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world. It is the desire of many people tormented by hunger, by injustice and by war. It is the desire of the poor, the weak, the abandoned. This is a favourable time to open our hearts, to ask ourselves concrete questions about how and for whom we expend our lives.”*

### LENS OF THE GOSPEL

#### **Third Sunday of Advent 17 December 2023**

*‘There is one among you whom you do not know’. We can know about Jesus but do we know him? What helps you to know Jesus in a way that enables you to follow in his footsteps, trusting God as he did, and seeing other people as he did?*

*John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus. Who have been the people who have borne witness to you of the good news of the gospel that God loves you - a friend, a parent, a teacher, etc.? To whom have you borne that witness? John appears in the story as one who had the courage to be himself in the face of loud and aggressive people. He was also a person who knew his own value, did not make exaggerated claims and was content with his mission. Can you recall times when you have been able to be yourself, even in the face of criticism from others?*

*John was ‘the voice of one crying out in the wilderness’ – announcing confidently to those in the wilderness that they must not despair because God’s grace may come to them at any moment. Have you had the experience of being in the wilderness, feeling lost? From whom did you hear a voice that gave you hope? Have you been able to give hope to other people when they were in the wilderness?  
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