



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 26th Nov '23

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

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BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:
Henry George Kenupp Heffernan, son of Thamiris & Killian, Calderwood.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Ann Heskin**, Carr's Hill, dearly loved sister of the late Alec, Oonagh, Mary, Richard, and baby John. **Anita Kelly**, Garryduff. Dearly beloved wife of Dennis and much loved mother of Damian, Jason, Adrian, Yvonne and Keith.
May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

NEWS DESK

Finance: The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: €2173. St. Patrick's: €1430. Many Thanks for your generosity.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Parish 10.30-11.30am 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

LITTLE NELLIE OF HOLY GOD, Little Nellie received her **First Holy Communion on 6th December 1907.**

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 prints. Email: valeriewalshjolley@gmail.com. Phone: [0214893550 / 0873177673](tel:0214893550).

MOTHERS UNION INITIATIVE IN DOUGLAS VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTRE - This year, in response to the challenge to look at new ways of reaching out, **Cork Mother's Union** will be in **Douglas Village Shopping Centre on Friday 1st December, from 10am-3pm.** We plan to have pop up banners, a simple display board, along with literature for people to take away, as well as there being at least two of us there to chat to anyone who is interested, or has a question.

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.](#)

THE DOUGLAS LIONS CLUB will be holding their **Annual Christmas Food Appeal** Collections as follows this year; **In Tesco Extra Douglas on Saturday 2/12/23** (one day) and at **Douglas Ct. Shopping Centre, outside Dunnes** and at **Ryan's Supervlu in Grange, Thur, Fri, Sat & Sunday, the 7th to the 10th of December. (4 Days).** *Thank you for your support as always.*

TOTUS TUUS MAGAZINE is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you would like a free copy please contact [Fiona Kiely on 086 8760058.](tel:0868760058)

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 27 NOV '23

THU 30 NOV - ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE. Born at Bethsaida (Galilee), A fisherman and a disciple of John the Baptist, introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to Jesus and became one of the first twelve to follow Christ. Mentioned a number of times in the gospels, for example, in introducing some Gentiles to Jesus (John 12:20f). Andrew, was the first disciple to be called by Jesus. He is said to have preached the gospel in Greece and to have been martyred and crucified at Patras. Early texts describe Andrew as bound, not nailed, to a Latin cross of the kind on which Jesus is said to have been crucified; yet a tradition developed that Andrew had been crucified on a cross of the form called Crux decussata (X-shaped cross, or "saltire"), now commonly known as a "Saint Andrew's Cross" supposedly at his own request, as he deemed himself unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus had been.

POPE FRANCIS QUOTE: *"I am always thinking of the serious situation in Palestine and Israel. I encourage the release of the hostages and the entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza. I continue to pray for those suffering and hope for paths of peace in the Middle East and other regions wounded by war."*

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
26 November 2023

'This judgement scene contains surprises for us. One surprise is that nobody is condemned for doing wrong, but for their failure to do good. Being a disciple of Jesus is a positive choice about how we live and relate to others. Perhaps sin-avoidance has sometimes dominated your view of what was being asked of you. What difference has it made for you when you viewed your Christian life as a daily opportunity to make a positive difference to others?'

Another way of saying this is that the aim of Christian living is not me-centred (about my personal sanctification) but other-centred (about responding to the needs of others). What happens to you when you get caught up in yourself? Is your life not better, and often more enjoyable, when you can look beyond yourself to others? Another surprise is to hear Jesus tell us that when we do something for another, he considers it done to himself. When has seeing Christ in others helped you in your dealings with them?'

The story is about the judgement of the whole of humanity. It presents an ideal of society in which human relationships at all levels are governed by the law of love. In your experience what difference has it made to a group to which you belonged when there was a definite sensitivity to the needs of all members?' Intercom.