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Parish

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Sunday 21st Jan '24

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

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:
Odhran Seán Joyce, son of Lisa & Seán, The View, Broadale.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Rita O'Connell**, Trabeg Avenue, Douglas, sadly missed by her loving nieces, nephews, sister-in-law, grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces, great-grandnephew, relatives and a large circle of friends. **Ann Behan**, Shamrock Lawn, beloved wife of Patrick, much loved mother of Michael, Thomas, Deirdre and Shane. **Elizabeth, (Lil) Harrington**, beloved wife of the late John, loving mother of Bryan, Joan and Tomás. **Bernard Martin**, Rochestown, dearly beloved husband of the late Mary, much loved dad of Ann Marie, Tony and Lorraine. **Eilis O'Mahony**, Rochestown,. Predeceased by her beloved parents Jerry and Brid. Beloved sister of John, Joe, Jerome, Flor, and Denis. *May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.*

NEWS DESK

Finance: The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: €2485. 2nd Collection Diocesan Needs: St. Columba's: €1323. *Many Thanks for your generosity.*

*******THANK YOU BRED!*******

*Breda has been **Secretary/Sacristan** in **St Patrick's Church** since **2007**.*

Her quiet, gentle and efficient presence has ensured the smooth running of the Church. The Church, Sacristy and altar area are kept in pristine condition.

Her efficiency in the organisation of the Rotas for the Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, and dealing with all correspondence and organisation of weddings, funerals, Holy Communion, Baptism, and Confirmation is to be commended.

Her loyalty to the Priests of the Parish and visiting Priests is very much appreciated.

Above all, is her ability to treat all who contact the Church with dignity, respect and confidentiality.

Breda, you will be missed, but we know you want time to travel with Fintan, and we wish you many years of good health with your family.

ST. COLUMBA'S CHOIR - New Year, New start! *Why not join our church choir? Rehearsals on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm* in St Columbas with 11am Mass on Sundays.

NOTICES

CORK ALZHEIMER'S 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 Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome. **Friday 26th January the next meeting.**

Speaker - **Dr. Tim Dukelow** - Geriatrician on 'New drug treatment for dementia'.

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REFLECTION/MEDITATION ON SUNDAY'S GOSPEL, Presented By Ruah Retreat Team Join us for free online weekly sessions to strengthen our hope and nourish the soul. **Sunday Evenings 6.45p.m.** (Online via Zoom). Further enquiries & bookings to info@ruahrest.com

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2024, Direct flights from Cork to Mostar, 29th May - 5th June '24.

€795 - Price increase to €845 after 2nd Feb '24. Full religious sprogrammed operated by Marian Pilgirmages Medjugorge Team. For more inofrmation please contact: Angela Gowing 087 6140076.

The President and members of the **DOUGLAS & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB** wish to thank the following who made their recent Christmas Food Appeal a huge success once again enabling us to help over 300 families at Christmas:

- The Management and staff of Douglas Court S.C and Ryan's Supervalu.
- The Secretaries of the Parish offices and Priests who advertised the appeal.
- Marie of the Douglas Post. • Barry's Tea. • Billy and Trish Horgan.
- Liam Bresnan Butchers. • Barry/ Fitzwilliams. • Chris Buckley Boxes. • Douglas Hall, Soccer Club. • Douglas Girls National School, • Douglas Gaelscoil and • Regina Mundi schools.

Last but not least the volunteer collectors and the very generous shoppers who donated so much to the appeal. Thank you all and happy New Year.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Third Sunday in Ordinary
Time • 21 January 2024 •
Sunday of the Word of God
 • **Catholic Schools Week**
begins today

'The time is fulfilled' – this is a decisive moment in the life of Jesus. His public ministry is about to begin. Recall turning points in your own life when something new happened and with hindsight you can say the time was ripe for it to happen, 'the time was fulfilled'. 'Repent and believe the good news'. Jesus was not preaching a new doctrine, but calling for a change of heart, as a response to the good news of the gospel message. A new way of understanding God leads to a conversion in how we relate to God, a change of heart. A growth in awareness of who we are can lead us to a new level of self-confidence, another change of heart. Can you recall times when 'good news' led you to a change of heart? The Spirit of God who was at work in Jesus calling the disciples continues to work in our day and in our lives. That is why the gospel message is one of GOOD NEWS. When has your understanding of the gospel message led you to a different style of life? Who was the 'Jesus person' through whom the call came to you? To whom have you been a 'Jesus person' in this way?

This Sunday is called the SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD' in order to emphasise the role and importance of the word of God in our lives. What has helped you to discover the Scriptures as a source of encouragement, enlightenment, and renewed faith? Is there something extra you could do now to enhance your appreciation and love of the word of God.'

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