

Douglas/Rochestown Parish

Christmas Eve 24th
December 2023

24 December 2024

Fr. Teddy and Fr. Pat wish all our parishioners a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a good New Year. Nollaig Shona díbh go léir!

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:
Lily Eileen Spillane, daughter of Antoinette & David, Carrigaline

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Frances Finn**, South Douglas Road. dearly loved wife of the late Niall, loving mother of Valerie, Dee, Andrew and the late Anthony. **Ann Coleman**, Woodview, Douglas, dearly loved wife of the late Norman, loving mother of Brendan, Barry, , Norman and Conor. May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Fidelma Ó Corcora**, Maryborough Avenue, on the recent death of her sister, **Dervila Keogh-Clarke**, Ballybriggan, Co. Dublin

NEWS DESK

Finance: The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's :€2530 St. Patrick's €1965. Many Thanks for your generosity

CHRISTMAS MASSES IN DOUGLAS 2023

ST. COLUMBAS:

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

ST. PATRICK'S:

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

St. Columba'23 Parish Office: Closed from Friday 22nd December to 2nd January '24

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

NOTICES

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. Please note €100 off per person for bookings paid in full before 15 November 2023! N.B. Our places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. See also Notice in Notice Board Church Porch.

Pope Francis Quote

"For all those who have no peace, let us invoke Mary, the woman who brought into the world the Prince of Peace."

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Fourth Sunday of Advent 24 December 2023

We are all favoured ones and God is with us. Sometimes we are more aware of this than others. How have you experienced being a favoured person, one blessed by God? How have you experienced God's presence? Who has been Gabriel to you ... a messenger of good news?

'Do not be afraid'. Mary was perplexed by the words of the angel. Perhaps you too have sometimes been perplexed by life's path and wondered what it all meant. Perhaps at times you have doubted if God was really with you. In your troubled moments who has been an 'angel' helping to lower your anxiety?

Mary was taken by surprise by the invitation, but she did not tell the angel she was not ready, nor ask him to return later. She was prepared to go with the invitation even though it was not the 'right moment'. 'Here I am Lord'. What invitations have come to you at the 'wrong time' and how have you responded?

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