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

**Sunday 11th Feb '24**

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

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

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**SUNDAY 11 FEB FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

On 11th February 1858 Our Lady first appeared to 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. Later Bernadette, under pressure from her parish priest, asked her, "Who are you?" and heard from Our Lady's own lips, "I am the Immaculate Conception".

**LENS OF THE GOSPEL**

• **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time • World Day of the Sick • Day of Prayer for Temperance**

**DEATHS**

The deaths took place of the following: **Vincent O'Flynn**, dearly loved husband of Helen and much loved father of Vince, Gerard and Yvonne. **Agnes O'Neill**, formerly **Agnes Clery**, Lime Trees Road, deeply regretted by her loving brothers Paddy and John. *May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.*

**SYMPATHY** The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Robert Cotter**, Hollygarth, on the recent death of his sister **Sr. Bernadette (Fay) Cotter**, Poor Clare Monastery, College Road.

*'Jesus' compassion for people suffering was an outstanding characteristic of his ministry. We see the healing power of God at work through him. Recall times when the compassion of others has had a healing effect on you. Remember also when your compassion towards someone in trouble brought them hope, healing or strength.*

**NEWS DESK**

**Finance:** The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: €2547. St. Patrick's: €1515. Many Thanks for your generosity.

**2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND LOURDES PILGRIMAGE. Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund Annual Collection.** The annual collection for the Diocesan Sick/Assisted Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund will be taken up at all Masses on 11th/12th February next. The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place from Friday 22nd September to Wednesday 27th September this year. People are encouraged to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage as helpers, nurses and doctors to assist pilgrims in Lourdes. Details are on the Diocesan website or from [lourdes@corkandross.org](mailto:lourdes@corkandross.org). A launch for the Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place in March, one in Cork City and the other in West Cork, where more detailed information will be made available to those who wish to be involved in the pilgrimage. Arrangements for this launch will be confirmed in the next few weeks. There has always been great support towards the Diocesan Pilgrimage Fund financially and your support on 11th/12th February is much appreciated.

*'If you choose, you can make me clean'. Our choice is a key factor in how we affect others. We cannot choose to have no impact on the people in our lives. Even a choice to do nothing has an effect. When have you been particularly aware of the importance of your choice to be a positive influence on another?*

**NOTICES**

**DOUGLAS MEALS ON WHEELS** - We are presently looking for volunteers to help out in the kitchen. Do you have a couple of spare hours once a fortnight? Please contact: Anne at 085 8764367.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION IN ST. COLUMBA'S PARISH CENTRE** - Each Thursday morning after 10.00am Mass. It lasts just about half an hour. *You will be most welcome.* Come along and give it a try. Contact: Parish Office 021 4894128.

**LOURDES CORK AND ROSS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE, 20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> SEP '24**. 5 nights full board from: €899pps Ex Cork . Pilgrim Booking available from Joe Walsh Tours Tel: 01-2410800. BOOKING OF THE OFFICIAL SICK / ASSISTED SECTION Tel: 085 25 25 040 Email: [lourdes@corkandross.org](mailto:lourdes@corkandross.org)

**HELPERS, NURSES AND CARE ASSISTANTS NEEDED 085 25 25 040.**

**CORK EVENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - FAITH, FRIENDSHIP, FUN CONNECT 4**, a diocesan event for young people (18-35 years) is taking place in UCC on **Sunday 18 February**. The dynamic Catholic American presenter, **Monsignor James Shea**, will be the keynote speaker. There will be Mass, Adoration and the opportunity for confession. Lunch is part of the day. Fee €10. More information at [corkandross.org](http://corkandross.org) Register on [eventbrite.ie](http://eventbrite.ie)

**BALLINLOUGH MEN'S RETIREMENT CLUB:** Enjoy a game of Short Mat Bowls - bowls supplied by the club - in an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie **every Wednesday 2.00pm to 4.00pm** in Ballinlough Community Centre. New members welcome - Contact number 085 1615360.

**BANDS OF THE DEFENCE FORCES IN CONCERT - Friday 23 Feb '24 2 8pm City Hall Cork.** Featuring: Bands of the Defence Forces. **Guest Artiste: Niamh O'Sullivan, Mezzo Soprano.** Ticket available: Merchants Quay Shopping Centre, Sat 17 Feb – Fri 23 Feb. Cash Sales (no Credit/Debit Cards) €10, €20, €30 in Aid of Defence Forces Benevolent Fund.

**MEDJUGORE 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 Pilgrimages Medjugorge Team. For more inofrmation please contact: Angela Gowing 087 6140076.

*Lepers were forced to live away from others. The leper's cure meant that he was also readmitted to contact with the community. Perhaps you recall people who were once ostracized being brought back into family or community. Who was the Jesus person who helped this healing to take place? The joy of the leper on being healed was such that he could not keep the good news to himself. Bring to mind occasions when you were so filled with good news that you could not keep it to yourself.'*  
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