



St. Columba's Church
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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 17th Mar '24
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

SAINT PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE



Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently: **Jay Donie Morkan**, son of Niamh & Mark, Sallybrook, Glanmire.

DEATHS

The death took place of: **Mary O'Driscoll**, Calderwood, beloved wife of Stephen and loving mother of Declan and Bernard. *May she rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sí.*

NEWS DESK

Finance: The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: €2840. St. Patrick's: €1380. Second Collection, **Bishops Commission:** St. Columba's: €1288. St. Patrick's: €805. *Many Thanks for your generosity.*

Confessions for Lent Every Saturday Evening from 5.30pm on and after the 6.00 Vigil Mass as well.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday's: 10.30am – 11.30 pm. Parish Centre (First Friday in Church: **10.30am – 12.45pm**)

LECTIO DIVINA - Continues MON @2pm. Not Bible Study, but rather praying with and listening to God's Word. Venue: St. Columba's Parish Centre, Douglas.

NOTICES

CORK LIONS CLUB are holding our annual Patrick's Hill Ball Run in aid of the **People of Gaza and Local Cork Charities** at **2pm on Monday March 18th**. It is a fun family event and all are welcome. We will also be collecting old spectacles for recycling to the third world so bring along any old glasses and give them a new lease of life. Please support the fundraiser by buying balls on www.corklionsclub.ie

ST. MARY'S POPES QUAY, CORK "Go Deeper this Spring" evening Courses: St. Paul the Apostle: Fr. Terence Crotty O.P. April 22nd - 26th - www.cominicanscork.ie/stpaul - Venue: St. Mary's Popes Quay. Time: 7.30pm, each evening. Cost €70 per course. For more info: dominicanscork@gmail.com (9am – 5pm).

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY will be celebrated on Sunday 16th April 2023 in the Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen, Cork. The day commences at 2pm and includes the Rosary, several Priests hearing confessions, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Stations of the Cross and a Talk. Mass is celebrated at 3.30pm.

CORK FLOWER CLUB are holding a Floral Art demonstration on Tues 19 Mar, 7.30pm in Douglas GAA Hall with Ali Dietrich AOIFE, titled **'Spring has Sprung'**...competitions theme is Daffodils...*Visitors are welcome €5.00.*

THE CORK AND ROSS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will take place from the 20-25th SEP 24, 5 Nights Full Board €899pps Ex Cork Airport, under the patronage of Bishop Fintan Gavin. Booking and further information: Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800.

"TOTUS TUUS PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA - 30th August - 6th September, 2024. Flights ex Cork. Cost: €815. Spiritual director: Fr. Marius O Reilly. For more information, contact Damien 087-2049048 or Marian Pilgrimages @ 01-8788159".

MEDJUGORE PILGRIMAGE 2024, Direct flights from Cork to Mostar, 29th May - 5th JUN '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.

Feast Days week Commencing 18 March '24

TUE 19th MAR Solemnity of St. Joseph. The feast of St Joseph was introduced into the Roman liturgy relatively late, in the 15th century, and extended to the universal Church mainly by missionaries in the 16th century. Matthew's gospel traces Joseph's descent from Abraham and ends with the phrase "husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born". It seems here to decline quite deliberately from saying that he was the father of Jesus. A man of Honour and Creativity. Matthew also describes Joseph as "a man of honour". When he learned of Mary's pregnancy, he had already chosen the option of mercy and compassion when he decided not to divorce her publicly, but following some kind of encounter with God ("the angel of the Lord") over the matter, he sensed God was asking him to take Mary into his home as wife, to treat the child as his own and to give him the divinely designated name, Jesus, thus indicating that "he would save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:18-21). Matthew's readers will understand this to mean that Jesus fulfils the function of the atonement sacrifices of the temple.

ST PATRICK'S DAY - 17 MARCH - Prayer for Those Away from Home

Loving God, we pray for those whom we love, but who are absent from us. Keep them safe from all harm, evil and danger. Bless them with peace, laughter, wisdom, love and joy. Grant that we may be reunited in the fullness of love; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.