



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 25th Feb '24

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **George Holland**, Rochestown, best friend and loving partner of Carol, cherished father of Deborah, Melissa and Damien. **Kevin (Tiny) Murphy**, Rochestown, much loved Dad of Carissa, Chloe and Hayley. **Rita Daughton**, Shamrock Lawn, beloved wife of the late Bill, loving mother of Jane, Brian, Kieran, Gwen and Mark. **Ellen Compagno-Crockett**, Douglas, dearly loved wife of Kenneth and adored mother of James and Elizabeth.

May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

NEWS DESK

Finance: The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: €2708. St. Patrick's: €1525. *Many Thanks for your generosity.*

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION on Fridays in Parish Centre: 10.30 - 11.30am. **First Friday in church, 10.30am - 12.45pm**, exception, when there is a funeral, then in Parish Centre.

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.

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

FORMS OF FRIDAY PENANCE DURING LENT (Intercom)

- Abstaining from meat or some other food;
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;
- Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;
- Making the Stations of the Cross;
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;
- Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

NOTICES

FINDING HOPE IN A HOPELESS WORLD - LENT 2024: This is a seven-week programme for Parish groups or individuals available on the Diocesan website (<https://corkandross.org/len2024>) A different aspect of hope will be explored each week. The resource is available as a presentation, video, and podcast (all of which can be used online or downloaded for off-line use). (See newsletter).

ST. MARY'S POPES QUAY, CORK "Go Deeper this Spring" evening Courses: **Being Christian under the Emperors: Fr. John M Cunningham O.P, March 4th - 8th 2024.** www.dominicanscork.ie/emperors

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).

Feast Days week Commencing 26 Feb. '24

1st MAR '24 - ST. DAVID PATRON SAINT OF WALES - St David is patron of Wales, where he was abbot and bishop. Several Irish saints were his pupils and he seemed to influenced monastic development in Ireland. Accounts of David's life are scarce and based on oral tradition and a 'Life' written by Rhygyfarch (11th century bishop of St David's) at a time when the Norman bishop of Canterbury Lanfranc was trying to impose Roman dedications on churches in England and Wales. Rhygyfarch was keen to impress on the recently arrived leaders the importance of the Welsh saint and was not above a little exaggeration.

Thought for the Day Second Sunday of Lent 25 February 2024 Jesus was 'able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attraction full of fondness and wonder. As he made his way throughout the land, he often stopped to contemplate the beauty sown by his Father and invited his disciples to perceive a divine message in things.' The very flowers of the field and the birds which his human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence.' If 'the universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely... there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face.' The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?

(Laudate Deum 64-65. Pope Francis (Veritas Publications)

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

**• Second Sunday of Lent
 25 February 2024**

'Some special spiritual experiences are well nigh impossible to describe in words. The Transfiguration was one of these. Jesus had a new and deeper insight into his relationship with his heavenly Father, one that would sustain him through what lay ahead of him. Have you had WOW moments that you found hard to describe to others? How have these sustained you in difficult times?

It can be both scary and wonderful to witness transformation in another, especially a person who is close. At times parents get a taste of this when a child's talent blossoms and is recognised by the child. We may also experience it when a dear friend recognises s/he is in a blind alley and gives up an addiction.

'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.' Peter, James and John were particularly close to Jesus, but they were not good at listening to Jesus, especially when he spoke of the painful road of servant discipleship. Jesus is the one we must listen to, even when his message is hard to hear. It is in this message we find life. When have you found this to be true?

Strangely this instruction came to the disciples when they were confused and 'in a cloud'. Perhaps you recall a moment of insight coming to you at a time when you were confused.'

Intercom.