



St. Columba's Church
Douglas
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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 3rd Mar '24

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

DEATHS

The death took place of: **Barry Ferriss**, Rochestown, dearly beloved husband of Harriet much loved father of Sarah, Mark and Neil. *May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sé.*

NEWS DESK

Finance: The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: €2433. St. Patrick's: €1341. *Many Thanks for your generosity.*
2nd collection next weekend Irish Bishops Commission

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-11.30pm. Parish Centre (First Friday in Church: 10.30a-12.45pm)

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.

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/lent2024>) 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).

THE CORK AND ROSS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will take place from the 20-25th September 2024, 5 Nights Full Board €899pps Ex Cork Airport, under the patronage of Bishop Fintan Gavin. Booking and further information is available from 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 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.

TROCAIRE - This year our focus country is Malawi. Malawi is often referred to as the warm heart of Africa. It is a country with extremely high levels of poverty, where life is already a struggle for many. Climate change means flooding, and droughts are becoming both more extreme and unpredictable. People are losing their homes, their livelihoods and even their lives. In these resources we are focusing on Trócaire's work for water justice as a response to the effects of climate change. We also have a family resource that brings together Scripture, Laudato Sí' and Laudato Deum.

Liturgy Resources - All resources are available on the Trócaire website by clicking here: <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/>

• Trocaire boxes are available in the church.

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 4 Mar '24

TUE 5 MAR - St. Kieran (Irish Ciarán) of Saighir is known as the "first-born of the saints of Ireland". Most of what we know about him comes from various Lives which were written down much later, so that while they are primarily intended to edify and entertain, it cannot either be concluded or excluded that the Lives reflect what actually happened. In one of the Lives of Ciarán it is claimed that "before Patrick there were none to maintain faith and belief in Ireland but Kieran, Ailbe, Declan and bishop Ibar". These four were from the southern half of the country and this tradition may reflect faith interaction with Christians of south Wales before St Patrick came to Ireland. Kieran's father belonged to the Osraighe. On a trip to the southwest of Ireland he met a woman called Liadán, who belonged to the Corca Loegde in southwest Cork. Kieran was born of their marriage and, according to the Lives, was fostered on Cape Clear, where there are many monuments dedicated to him. Kieran set out for Rome, where he was baptised and studied scripture there "under the abbot of Rome". On his way back to Ireland it is said he met St Patrick, who told him exactly where to found his settlement, giving him a bell which would only ring when he found the place. This turned out to be Saighir Chiaráin, near the village of Clareen about four miles south-east of Birr, Co Offaly.