



**St. Columba's Church  
Douglas**  
021-489 4128 (Office)  
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**Sunday Mass**  
Sat Vigil 6.00pm  
Sun 9.30am & 11.00am



**DouglasRochestownParish**

**Douglas/Rochestown  
Parish**

**Sunday 31st Mar '24**



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**St. Patrick's Church  
Rochestown**  
021-489 6797  
(Office)

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



**HAPPY EASTER FROM THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH**

***Fr. Teddy, & Fr. Pat wish all the people of Douglas/Rochestown a very Happy Easter! Cáisc Shona!  
Take good care on the roads!***

## BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently: **Holly Willow Slattery**, daughter of Vickie & Marek, Galways Lane, Douglas.

## DEATHS

The death took place of: **Louise Sheahan**, Grange Erin, beloved wife of Paddy & loving mother of Patrick, Thomas and Kieran. *May she rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sí.*

## NEWS DESK

**Finance:** The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: €2707. St. Patrick's: €1825. *Many Thanks for your generosity.*


**FIRST FRIDAY 5th APRIL 2024. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - 12.45pm.** (Except when funeral in church, then adoration 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.

**MISSION STATEMENT OUR NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL for the next three years.** "To engage parishioners in a Faith Community propelled by a love of God and concerns for neighbour" (Further information to follow).

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** will be celebrated on **SUN 7th APR @ 11.00am Mass** in St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown. Road. The Feast of Mercy is preceded by a Novena (**Chaplet of the Divine Mercy**) which started on **Good Friday** and ends on **Mercy Sunday (9days)**. A copy of the Novena Chaplet is available in both churches.

## NOTICES

 **ALPHA:** A new Alpha programme starts on **WED 10th APR, 7.30pm to 9.00pm**, in the Parish Centre, Frankfield / Grange, and runs for 10 weeks. Alpha is a 10-week series of interactive sessions, where anyone can explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Every Alpha session has three key elements: food, talk, and discussion. To register, contact the Frankfield / Grange Parish Office (021 489 7379 / [frankfieldgrange@gmail.com](mailto:frankfieldgrange@gmail.com)) or *just turn up and see for yourself!*

**A warm invitation from Alpha Ireland - 7.30pm, THU 4th APR - Douglas (St. Columba's) Parish Centre.**

You are invited to an evening led by members of the **Alpha Ireland team - John Quinn, Director of Strategy and Tanya Olhausen, Head of Operations.** *Warm Welcome with Tea/Coffee and light refreshments.*

- We aim to combine vision and training in a practical, interactive session, and Q&A.
- An overview of best practices for those who are new to leading and for those who would like to brush up on the basics.
- We will share further on the potential impact that Alpha can have in parishes and communities going forward - Alpha Culture and Church.
- All those who have been involved on the teams running Alpha in the parishes and those who are new to the team in Frankfield and Grange.

Please RSVP to this email and please forward this email invitation to others involved on Alpha leadership teams so that they can book their place. [info@alphaireland.org](mailto:info@alphaireland.org)

**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](http://www.cominicanscork.ie/stpaul) Venue: St. Mary's Popes Quay. Time: 7.30pm, each evening. Cost €70 per course. For more info: [ominicanscork@gmail.com](mailto:ominicanscork@gmail.com) (9am – 5pm).

**EASTER SUNDAY, 31 MARCH 2024 - Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection** - 'Christ is risen, alleluia!' This is the ancient Christian greeting on this day of great joy and happiness for all. Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the **"Feast of feasts"**. The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to Him. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1169*).

**THE EASTER SEASON** - The celebration of Easter is prolonged throughout the Easter season. The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated as one feast day, 'the great Sunday'. This sacred period concludes with Pentecost Sunday when the gift of the Holy Spirit to the apostles, the beginnings of the Church, and the start of its mission to all tongues and peoples and nations are commemorated. (*Information sourced from the Liturgical calendar 2024*).