



St. Columba's Church
Douglas
 021-489 4128 (Office)
 087-261 7143

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



DouglasRochestownParish

Douglas/Rochestown
Parish

Sunday 7th Apr '24
Divine Mercy Sunday



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

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm



DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Patricia O'Regan**, Shamrock Road Sadly missed by her children Rosie, Johnny, Eileen, May, Maggie, Mark and Jeannie. **Brendan O'Connor**, Broadale, dearly beloved husband of Antoinette (née Lambert), much loved dad of Madeleiné and Isabella. *May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.*

NEWS DESK

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".

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY will be celebrated on **SUN 7th APR @ 11.00am Mass** in St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown. Road.



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 4897379/ frankfieldgrange@gmail.com) or just turn up and see for yourself!

NOTICES

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: ominicanscork@gmail.com (9am-5pm).

MEDJUGORE PILGRIMAGE 2024, Direct flights from Cork to Mostar, 29th May - 5th June '24. €845. Full religious sprogrammed operated by Marian Pilgirmages Medjugorge Team. More info: please contact: Angela Gowing 087 6140076.

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 AUG - 6th SEP '24. Flights ex Cork. Cost: €815. Spiritual director: Fr. Marius O Reilly. For more info: Damien 087-2049048 or Marian Pilgrimages @ 01-8788159"

FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 08 APR '24

MON 8th APR '24 - FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION - The Annunciation typically takes place on March 25, nine months before Christmas. When it falls during Holy Week, it is usually moved, as in 2024, with an **April 8th** observance. This feast originated in the East during the sixth century and gained universal observance in the West during the eighth century. It is a feast of the Lord, commemorating the announcement to the Virgin Mary of the Word made flesh, Mary's acceptance of God's will, and the conception of Christ nine months before Christmas. Its occurrence close to Easter links the incarnation with the whole mystery of human redemption in Christ.

THU 11th APR '24 - ST. STANISLAUS. St Stanislaus is often called 'The Martyr' to distinguish him from the young Jesuit novice St Stanislaus Kostka. Traditionally he is regarded as the patron of Poland, but he is also venerated in Lithuania, Belarus and Ukraine. Patrick Duffy gathers together some information about his life. Priest and bishop at Krakow Stanislaus was born in 1030 of noble and pious parents at Szczepanow and was educated at the cathedral school at Gniezno, then the capital of Poland, and possibly at Paris. He was ordained priest and served as a canon of the cathedral at Krakow. He was elected bishop of Krakow in 1072. He gained a reputation as a preacher and benefactor of the poor.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

• Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday
*'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace? The greeting is followed by Jesus missioning his apostles, and us, to continue his project of spreading the Good News of God's love and forgiveness. What does it mean to you to see yourself as missioned by Jesus? Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower the disciples to be witnesses to forgiveness. Forgiveness is at times an essential step on the road to peace. Perhaps you can recall when holding on to a hurt or grudge disturbed your inner peace. What helped you to forgive and find peace? Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubting, and questioning, played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?' 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?' **Intercom.***