



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 26th May '24

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian Community those who were recently baptised: **Charlie Gerald Humphreys**, son of Peter & Stacy, Curaheen Cork.

NEWS DESK

FINANCE The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: €2657, St. Patrick's: €1326. Many thanks for your generosity.

ICE-CREAM SUNDAY in aid of **Down Syndrome Ireland** after 11am Mass in **St Patrick's Rochestown** on next **Sunday May 26th**.

St. Vincent de Paul Church Door collection: 1st & 2nd June.

NOTICES

AN INVITATION TO THE 98th CORK EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION. The 98th Cork Eucharistic Procession to mark the feast of Corpus Christi will take place on **Sunday May 26th**. The procession will leave the North Cathedral at 3pm and make its way through the city to Saints Peter and Paul's where there will be a short liturgy and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Parish groups are encouraged to gather at the Cathedral and to process together under their parish banner. For those who may have mobility issues, you will be able to join the procession at the river side of the Opera House under a Eucharistic Banner. The Stewards will facilitate and direct this group to join the Procession. The media reported that over four thousand people processed in 2023, and it is wonderful to see that the Eucharistic Procession continues to unite people of faith across Cork from many different communities and backgrounds. The procession which will celebrate 100 years in 2026, is a great public witness to our faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. People from Parishes throughout the Diocese and especially those around the city are strongly encouraged to join us for this important event for our city and our people of faith united around the Eucharist.

CONNECT SUMMER BBQ A special **CONNECT Summer BBQ** for young adults aged 18 - 35 years on Thurs. June 6th at 7pm in Mardyke House (T12 W8RP). It is a wonderful opportunity to meet other young people from across the Diocese of Cork and Ross. The evening will include food, fellowship, music and much more. There is a nominal fee of €8. To register simply go to eventbrite.ie and search for "CONNECT BBQ". Please do spread the word. Come yourself and invite a friend.

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY - KNOCK - Saturday, June 1st. Join thousands of people from around Ireland and beyond for the All Ireland Rosary Rally on June 1st. The day begins at 9.30am with a Conference in St. John's Centre. Speakers include Fr Brendan Kilcoyne, Fr Joseph Mary Deane CFR, and Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM. Then there is a chance to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland in St John Centre from 1130am. The keynote speaker, Mother Adela Galindo, is coming from Miami, Florida, and she will speak in the Basilica at 1pm. The Stations of the Cross will be outside from 2pm, followed by the Rosary procession. Mass will commence at 3pm in the Basilica and will include the anointing of the sick. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant. Dana will join the choir to sing. There will also be rosary and scapular making workshops in the marquee. Over 50 buses are going from around Ireland. See www.allirelandrosaryrally.com for more details.

CORK ALZHEIMERS CAFÉ a safe place for people with Alzheimers and other dementias, their carers, family and friends along with social and health professionals to meet. Last Friday of each month 11-12.30pm, St Finbarrs Hospital, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. *All welcome.* **Friday 31st May (Next meeting).** Art Therapy Session **with Gillian Cussen from Crawford Art Gallery.**

LOUGH DERG - 4 day Pilgrimage 2024. Leaves Cork Friday 7th June at 9am. Returning Monday 10th June. Booking & Information Ph. Paddy 021 4502572.

LECTIO DIVINA Continues **Mondays @ 2pm**. Not Bible Study, but rather praying with and listening to God's Word. (Gospel of the following Sunday). Venue: St. Columba's Parish Centre, Douglas.

CURSILLO WALK: Cork to Knock route - Tue July 16th - 21st. Approx. 23 miles (37kms) per day. Mass daily, rosary, divine mercy chaplet & fellowship each day. Contact corktoknock@gmail.com to sign up for the full walk, a day or a stage.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

• **The Most Holy Trinity**

'It is time for Jesus to return to his Father. He meets his disciples for the last time. His final words give them direction for their future. Perhaps you can recall such parting moments in your own life - leaving home, school, college, training, the death of a loved one. What was that like for you? Were there words spoken then that gave you direction for your future? Perhaps you can identify with Jesus in the story, when as a parent, teacher, or in some other way you sent someone on his/her way in life knowing you would not be with him or her as in the past. When did the way you parted help the other to make his, or her, own way in life? Jesus told his disciples that although he would not be with them as in the past he would be with them in a new way right throughout their lives. Have there been times when you were reassured by the love and support of another even though s/he was not physically present with you? In parting with his disciples Jesus gave them a mission for the future. Where, when, and how did you get a sense of the meaning and purpose of your own life? How does that sustain you now? Is there any way in which that purpose ties in with the mission given to the eleven to spread the Good News? Jesus promised to be with his disciples until the end of time. It is a promise he would fulfil through the gift of the Holy Spirit. That promise is also given to us. What helps you to be aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit with you on life's journey?'