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Douglas/Rochestown
Parish

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

Sunday 16th Jun '24
Day for Life

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Andi Kenneally**, Douglas, dearly loved wife of Patrice, treasured Mom of Molly and Brendan, and step-children Jason and Kim. **Margaret Owens**, Douglas & Carrigaline, Peggy was very much loved by her family and will be sadly missed. *May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.*

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Norma Mackin**, Rochestown Road, on the recent death of her sister **Christine Hayes**, Tower.

NEWS DESK

FINANCE The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: €2361, St. Patrick's: €1340. *Many thanks for your generosity.*

2nd Collection Next Weekend - **Peter's Pence**

'DAY FOR LIFE': a dedicated day celebrating the beauty and dignity of all human life. Day for Life Sunday is celebrated annually with a special message by the Catholic Church across Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition. On Sunday 16 June, the Church will mark Day for Life 2024 with a message on the theme: The Lord is my shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life. This year's message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love. This message also includes a brief human-interest story about a young man named Matt, and the experience of a priest who ministered to Matt and his loved ones in his final months and days. This grace-filled time proved to be a period of intense compassion and profound dignity, as well as faith enriching experience of love and generosity for all concerned. The Day for Life message is available on <https://councilforlife.ie/day-for-life-2024/>

NOTICES

CORK FLOWER CLUB are holding a **Floral Art Demonstration** with **Jane O'Dwyer AOIFE** on **Tues 18th June in Douglas GAA hall at 7.30pm**...entitled 'Smelling of Roses'. There will also be cake sale. *Visitors are welcome! €5.00.*

MISSIONARIES OF THE SACRED HEART - "Have you ever dreamed of walking the **Camino**. Join our team as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of northern Spain as we take on **the Camino Ingles** walking from Ferrol to Santiago. The temperature in this part of northern Spain in July is perfect for walking, like a balmy summer day in Ireland. For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring Mary at 021 454 6691 or email mary.morrish@msscmissions.ie

Feast Days Week Commencing 17 June '24

THU 20 JUN '24 - THE IRISH MARTYRS: The Irish Martyrs of the (16th and 17th centuries) The canonisation of Oliver Plunkett in 1975 brought an awareness of the other men and women who died for the Catholic faith in the 16th and 17th centuries. On 22nd September 1992 Pope John Paul II proclaimed a representative group from Ireland as martyrs and beatified them. Henry VIII's rejection of the Pope's authority in 1534 led to the setting up of a State Church in England and in Ireland. In 1560 the Act of Supremacy made Queen Elizabeth the supreme head of the Church in England and Ireland. So it became a treasonable offence to refuse to acknowledge the English monarch as head of the Church and many Catholics were put to death for their faith in both countries. Forty English martyrs were canonised in 1970 and Oliver Plunkett was canonised in 1975. In 1992 a representative seventeen Irish martyrs, chosen from a list of almost three hundred who died for their faith in the 16th and 17th centuries, were beatified by Pope John Paul II. The amount of information we know about these seventeen varies. About some, such as Archbishop Dermot O'Hurley of Cashel, we know quite a lot; about others, such as the Wexford sailors, we know little more than their names and the fact of their death.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

- **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16 June 2024**
- **Day for Life**

'If you sow seeds, or watch plants grow, you have ample opportunities to pause in wonder at the whole process of growth. It takes place imperceptibly and comes to fruition in beautiful flowers, majestic trees and abundant harvests.

Jesus uses this example from everyday observation to teach about the growth of the Kingdom of God, the kingdom of right relationships with God and with one another. There too growth is slow, development is imperceptible, and then without realising it you have a mature relationship. Recall the stages of such development in your life of faith and in your friendships and give thanks.

*In the second parable Jesus invites us to reflect on the importance and significance of relationships in our lives as they grow and mature. This is true both of our relationship with God and with others around us. When have you found a relationship in which you could 'make a nest in its shade'?' **Intercom.***