



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 2nd Jun '24
Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently: **Isabelle May Twomey**, daughter of Megan & Shane, Thornbury. **Brodie Liam Desmond**, son of Nicole & Leon, The Borough, Maryborough Hill.

DEATHS

The death took place of: **Fergal O'Byrne**, Douglas, beloved husband of Maureen and loving father of Aoife, Lorcan, Catherine and Cathal. *May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sé.*

NEWS DESK

FINANCE The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: €2578, St. Patrick's: €1522. *Many thanks for your generosity.*

Friday 7 June '24: The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – also the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament IN PARISH CENTRE EVERY FRIDAY, 10.30AM – 11.30AM. EXCEPT First Friday in Church 10.30am – 12.45 pm. (when funeral in church, then adoration in Parish Centre).

Ice-cream Sunday in aid of **Down Syndrome SUN 26 May '24**. A huge **Thank you** to all who supported Ice cream Sunday in St Patrick's last Sunday in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland. We raised **€1213**.

NOTICES

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.*

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

EVENING OF THANKSGIVING AND NOURISHMENT FOR DIOCESAN ALPHA GROUPS. The Office for Mission and Ministry is hosting a gathering for Diocesan Alpha Groups on **Thurs. June 13th, '24**, from 7.15pm to 9.00pm in the **Visitors' Centre of the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne**. This invitation is extended to those who run Alpha, those who have attended Alpha and those who are considering running Alpha in the next year. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP by contacting the Office for Mission and Ministry at 021-7355517 or through our online Contact Form: <https://corkandross.org/office-for-mission-and-ministry>

Feast Days Week Commencing 3 June '24

FRI 7 JUN '24: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

In many Irish churches you will see a stained glass window depicting Our Lord Jesus revealing his Sacred Heart to St Margaret Mary Alacoque. These windows bear witness to the enormous popularity of devotion to the Sacred Heart and the influence of St Margaret Mary Alacoque in spreading it. She is one of the Church's most famous visionaries. Born at L'Hautcourt in Burgundy, her father, Claude Alacoque, was a prosperous notary who died when she was eight. Margaret Mary was sent to school at a convent in Charolles. She liked the peace of the convent, and received her first communion at the age of nine. But the following year she developed rheumatic fever and was confined to bed for the next six years. When she returned home, she found her father's relatives had moved in to the family home and treated her and her mother rather harshly. When her brother came of age, he took undisputed possession of the home and things improved. At the age of twenty-four, she joined the Visitation Sisters (founded at Annecy by St Jane de Chantal) at their convent at Paray-le-Monial in 1671. From 1673 to 1675 she is said to have experienced a series of visions of Jesus. On 27 December 1673 – the feast of St John – Jesus appeared to her telling her his divine heart longed that the flame of the fire of its love should spread through her to all men and to enrich them with its precious treasures. The vision urged her to persuade church authorities to have a special feast of the Sacred Heart celebrated on the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi and to develop what eventually became the devotion of the Nine First Fridays and asked that the feast of the Sacred Heart be established.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

• The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

'The symbolic gesture of breaking and sharing bread and sharing the cup, that Jesus made at the Last Supper, symbolised the offering of himself that he would make on Calvary, giving his life for others. Sometimes we also are called to give our lives for others. We can do this grudgingly or with a generous heart. What difference has it made for you when you were able to give yourself freely? In his encyclical letter Deus Caritas Est Pope Benedict XVI wrote, 'A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is essentially fragmented.' What has helped you to be aware of the importance of the link between the Eucharist and your lifestyle? Jesus involved his disciples both in the preparation for the Last Supper and in its celebration. Recall times when you had a heightened awareness of participation and involvement in the Mass. What helped to give you this awareness? Are there lessons from these special experiences that you can bring with you to the routine Sunday Mass?'

Intercom.

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.