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

**Sunday 7th Jul '24**

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

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

[www.douglasrochestownparish.ie](http://www.douglasrochestownparish.ie)

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently: **Finn Daniel O'Neill**, son of Sallyann & Daniel, Skehard Road, Blackrock. **Cian Patrick Jeremiah Weldon**, son of Fionnuala & Kieran, Monastery Road, Rochestown.

**DEATHS**

The deaths took place of **Jim O'Halloran**, Maryborough, dearly beloved husband of Angela and dear brother of Noel, Dan, Ann and the late Gerard. *May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sé.*

**NEWS DESK**

**FINANCE** The Offertory Collection last Sunday: **St. Columba's: €2231, St. Patrick's: €1220.** Many thanks for your generosity. **St. Vincent de Paul Church Door collection next weekend 13/14 July.**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** IN PARISH CENTRE EVERY FRIDAY, 10.30am-11.30am. EXCEPT First Friday in Church 10.30am-12.45pm. (when funeral in church, then adoration in Parish Centre).

**NOTICES**

**DIOCESE OF CORK AND ROSS CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ADULT STUDIES**

*"The Catechism of the Catholic Church presents the faithful with the perennial teaching of the Church so that they can grow in their understanding of the faith. But it especially seeks to draw our contemporaries – with their new and varied problems – to the Church, as she seeks to present the faith as the meaningful answer to human existence at this moment of history".* **Franciscus.**

**GROUP 1 COMMENCING Monday 2nd September 2024 - TIME 7.30pm - 9.00pm VENUE Ballinlough Parish Pastoral Centre SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR Mgr. Gearóid Dullea**

**GROUP 2 COMMENCING Tuesday 3rd September 2024 - TIME 7.30pm - 9.00pm VENUE Brú Columbanus, Wilton SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR Fr. Pontianus Jafla**

Pre-booking is essential. All enquiries and booking must be made prior to **Friday 30th August 2024.** To book call Máirín on 087 795 0325. These studies are open to all adults who wish to have a deeper understanding of the Learning and Living our Catholic Faith. *All are welcome to attend.*

**Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart - Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday 21 July 2024:** The Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 21 July. **Mass at 3pm** will be followed by Eucharistic Blessing and Procession to the Shrine. *Pioneers along with friends and relations of people who are living "one day at a time" with addiction are welcome.*

**FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 8 JULY '24**

**THU 11TH JULY - ST. BENEDICT, ABBOT, PATRON OF EUROPE** - St Benedict, Abbot: Born at Nursia (Umbria, Italy) about 480; died at Monte Cassino about 547. After studies in Rome, he became a hermit at Subiaco, where many sought his counsel, and later founded the monastery at Monte Cassino. Noted for his widely influential monastic rule, combining work and prayer, and for his charity and moderation. St Benedict, founder of Western monasticism and author of the Rule which gave monasticism its constitution, exercised a fundamental influence on the development of European civilisation and culture. Because of this, in 1964, Pope Paul VI named him patron saint of Europe. St. Benedict was born, a twin with St Scholastica, into a wealthy family at Nursia in east-central Umbria around the year 480. He went to school in Rome but, disturbed by the moral laxity of other students in Rome, he left before completing his studies. Seeking peace and quiet he withdrew to Subiaco situated in the mountains about forty miles from Rome. Here he met a monk called Romanus who helped him in his first steps as a hermit. Overcoming Temptations At Subiaco Benedict spent three years in a cave where he "underwent the three fundamental temptations that all human beings face self-affirmation and the desire to place oneself at the centre, ...sensuality, ...and anger and revenge" (Pope Benedict XVI). Only by overcoming these temptations would he be able find the right words to give others in their situations of need. Benedictine Monasteries in Ireland Glenstal Abbey in Co Limerick ([www.glenstal.org/](http://www.glenstal.org/)) and Holy Cross Monastery, Rostrevor, Co. Down ([www.benedictinemonks.co.uk](http://www.benedictinemonks.co.uk)), are two Benedictine monasteries in Ireland which strive to fulfil this ideal.

**LENS OF THE GOSPEL**

**• Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7 July 2024**

*'Personal prejudices and agendas can block us from listening to what another person has to say. Who do they think they are? Perhaps you have experienced this. What difference has it made to you when you were able to focus on the content of what was being said and leave to one side your own prejudices about the speaker?'*

*It has been said that there is nothing as useless as the right advice at the wrong time. We may want to reach out to another but may be unable to because at that moment the other person is not ready to be helped. Like Jesus we can 'do no deed of power'. As Jesus had to be patient and wait for another opportunity, so do we. What have you learned about the importance of patience in working with others?'*

*Religion easily brings up prejudices. Some dismiss religion as superstition, old hat, or based on an outdated world view. Even among believers, prejudice can make it hard for individuals to listen to an alternative way of looking at things, to consider a different way of celebrating liturgy, or to live at peace with difference. Yet a closed mind can lead to a stagnant faith. When have you found that a willingness to consider a different perspective led to a deepening and strengthening of your faith?' **Intercom.***