



**St. Columba's Church**  
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**Douglas/Rochestown  
 Parish**

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

**Sunday 14th Jul '24**

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

 **DouglasRochestownParish**

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**BAPTISMS**

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently: **Jaroslav Ian Hudak**, son of Ludmila & Jaroslav, East Douglas.

**DEATHS**

The deaths took place of the following: **Declan O'Sullivan**, South Douglas Road, beloved father of Ciara and Breffni, loving partner of Miriam. **Brendan Wallace**, Douglas. Deeply regretted by his beloved wife Ursula, daughter Olga, sons Niall, John and Owen. **Flor Dullea**, Douglas, dearly loved husband of the late Eileen, much loved father of Catherine, Ciara, Finian and Gerard. **Marion Kennefick**, Douglas, beloved wife of the late Maurice. Sadly missed by her sister Susan. *May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.*

**SYMPATHY** - The sympathy of the parish community is extended to **Gerard and Ann Clarke**, Douglas & **Pat McSweeney** Passage, on the recent death of their sister **Noreen McGowan**, Douglas Road.

**NEWS DESK**

**FINANCE** The Offertory Collection last Sunday: **St. Columba's: €2297, St. Patrick's: €1250.** *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 15 JULY '24**

**TUE 16TH JULY - OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL** - The cult of Mary under this title originated in the fourteenth century and came to be observed throughout the West during the 18th century. Commemorates the Virgin Mary as associated with Mount Carmel (Israel), site of the prophet Elijah's altar to the one true God and of the 12th century eremitical forerunners of the Carmelites. Mary is celebrated on this day as a model of reflection, solitude, and prayer. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a title given to Mary, the mother of Jesus, in honour of her having given the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to Saint Simon Stock. According to a pious tradition this took place at Cambridge in England in 1251. Patrick Duffy tells the story of the Carmelites. A scapular was originally a form of clothing, which monks wore when they were working. With the passage of time, it got a symbolic meaning: the cross to be borne every day as disciples and followers of Christ. In some religious orders, like the Carmelites, the scapular became a symbol of their way of life. It also became a badge of association with a particular religious group in a lay third order. It signifies commitment to follow Jesus, like Mary, the perfect model of a disciple of Jesus. The spiritual focus of the Carmelite Order is on contemplative prayer. Tradition traces the origins of the order to a small group of hermits – some of them crusaders – who gathered near the well of Elijah on the slopes of Mount Carmel in the Holy Land at the end of the 12th century. They saw themselves as succeeding the schools of the prophets in ancient Israel.

**LENS OF THE GOSPEL**

• **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14 July 2024**

*'Jesus gave the disciples a share in his mission by sending them out ahead of him. It was a gesture of trust and confidence on his part, even though they did not fully understand his mission. Have you ever been surprised by the trust shown in you by others to speak or act on their behalf?*

*Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. Perhaps your experience gives you examples of the value of having another with you when engaged in an important task.*

*The apparently strange instructions given by Jesus were intended to counteract practices by bogus preachers who used preaching as a mask for money-making. True disciples of Jesus focus on the mission and not on their own comforts. Is it your experience that vested interests can impede a task, whereas having the right motives makes your mission more effective?*

*The task of the disciples was to call people to repent, (metanoia = conversion, change the way we look at God and at other people). Who have been the people in your life who have prompted you to be more trusting in God or more compassionate to people? To whom have you given this call?' Intercom.*