



**St. Columba's Church
Douglas**
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Sunday Mass
Sat Vigil 6 pm
Sun 9.30am & 11.00



Douglas/ Rochestown Parish

Sunday 28 July 2024

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**St. Patrick's
Church
Rochestown**
021-489 6797
(Office)

Sunday Mass
Sun 11.00am &
12.30pm



BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:
Faye Lily Curtin, daughter of Carla & Patrick, Ballincourrig Court.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **Breeda Barry**, South Douglas Road, dearly loved wife of Patrick (Paddy) and much loved mother of Gillian, John, Jennifer and Lisa, loving mother-in-law of the late Pdraig. **Bert Glorney**, Douglas, dearly loved husband of Ainne and much loved step dad of Rachael and Rebecca. **Andrzej Michalski**, Douglas & Poland, beloved partner of Katarzyna Swadzba and loving father of Ivona Lukaszka and stepfather of Roksana, Magdalena and Kamil. **Geraldine McGonigle**, Rochestown, dearly beloved wife of Michael, much loved mother of Laura and Fergus May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

NEWS DESK

Finance The Offertory Collection last Sunday: **St. Columba's: €2399. St. Patrick's €1295. Second Collection Diocesan Needs: St. Columba's: €1534. St. Patrick's €305.** Many Thanks for your generosity

St. Vincent de Paul, church door collection next weekend

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)

NOTICES

Missionary Awareness Programme

As part of the annual missionary awareness programme of the Irish Conference of Bishops and the Irish Missionary Union, two members of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, **Frs. Michael Begley, CSSp and Tom Hogan, CSSp** will visit our parish **this weekend**. They will share with us their own missionary experience across multiple countries at all Masses while there will be a **second collection at Masses** for their priority mission projects overseas. We warmly welcome them to our parish and ask you to be as generous as possible in supporting their missionary work in some of the poorest countries in Asia, Africa and South America.

The Annual Mass in St. John's Cemetery Ballinrea on Wednesday 7 August @ 7.00pm. Bring your own folding chair.

FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 29 JULY '24

Tuesday 30 July: St Ignatius Loyola

Iñigo first went to Barcelona, then to Alcalá de Henares near Madrid, Salamanca and finally Paris (1528), where he studied philosophy for three years, graduating in 1534 as a master of arts. In Paris he gathered six disciples to whom he gave the *Spiritual Exercises*; they took vows of poverty and chastity and promised to serve the Church either by preaching in Palestine or in other ways the Pope thought fit. The companions met at Venice in 1537, but were unable to get to the Holy Land. So they went on to Rome, where they resolved to become a new religious order. By now they had all been ordained priests. They became involved in works of charity, such as teaching the young and uneducated, as well as in missions to the new colonies. Pope Paul III (Alessandro Farnese) (1534-49) approved the Society of Jesus. Ignatius was chosen as the first Superior General.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
28 July 2024 • World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly**

At the heart of this story we are told that Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed them. In our day this reminds us of the Eucharist, the bread of life, with which Jesus feeds us. Can you recall an experience of Eucharist that was especially significant for you? What was it that made it different? How did it influence your understanding of the Eucharist?

Take, give thanks, distribute. The actions of Jesus also suggest an attitude to time, gifts and living. We take what we are given, give thanks, and use what we have. Have you found that having a grateful heart for what you have been given has made it easier for you to share with others?

From what seemed meagre and inadequate resources many were fed. When have you found that when you gratefully use what little resources you have the results are beyond your expectations?

Jesus chose to involve those around him in feeding the people. Have there been times when you have experienced benefits from calling on those around you to use their gifts to help with a task?

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