



# Douglas/Rochestown Parish

Hearing Loop System (Ivic@T.coil)



St. Columba's Church, Douglas  
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 DouglasRochestownParish  
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St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown  
021 489 6797 (Office)

Sunday Mass  
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm  
Sunday 9.30am & 11.00am

**Sunday 11th May 2025**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

Sunday Mass  
Sunday 11.00am & 12.30pm

## BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who was recently baptised **Rosie Sara Harris**, Daughter of John & Emma, Carrigaline.

## NOTICES

**FINANCE** The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€2,529** & St. Patrick's: **€1,730**  
Many thanks for your continued generosity. Next weekend second collection is for Mission & Ministry

### SUPPORTING MISSION AND MINISTRY IN OUR DIOCESE

The annual collection for the Office for Mission and Ministry will take place on this weekend May 10th and 11th. The office plays a vital role in supporting our priests, parishes and Families of Parishes in helping people grow in faith and live as missionary disciples. It offers formation for Parish Pastoral Councils, Baptism and Funeral teams, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, and ministries involved in parish life. It also provides resources to support prayer, catechesis, and evangelisation. Your generosity in the past has helped this work to grow and reach more people. Thank you for your continued support.

### CORK AND ROSS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year will take place from Friday 19th September to Wednesday 24th September. We will fly from Cork to Lourdes. Bookings are now open with Joe Walsh Tours on 01 2410 800 for anyone wishing to travel as a pilgrim. Volunteers are also required: Doctors, Nurses, Care Assistants and Helpers (Adults and Young Adults aged between 18 to 25 years). For General Enquiries contact 085-525 040 or Email: [lourdes@corkandross.org](mailto:lourdes@corkandross.org)

### THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

*For working conditions*

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Congratulations to the girls and boys of St Columba's GNS with facility for Deaf children St. Lukes NS and Douglas Rochestown Educate Together on receiving their First Holy Communion on 3rd May.

**11 MAY 2025 • DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** To fully understand today's short Gospel (Jn. 10:27-30) it's important to know how sheep were raised in olden times in the Middle East. They were raised mainly for the wool they produced and had therefore the prospect of a longer life-span than sheep in Europe. The shepherd got to know his sheep roaming on the open terrain. So intimate was the relationship of shepherd and flock that they would recognise the voice of the shepherd calling them by name. Those who keep pet sheep know all about this. When Jesus claimed a similar relationship with those who believed in him, his listeners had experience of what he meant.

The essence of the Christian life is to become attuned to Jesus' voice, gently drawing us towards becoming loving persons. We are aware that today there's the Evil One also tugging at our heart strings with a view to making us selfish, self-centred and less loving. Today's Gospel reading urges us to distinguish between these two discorded voices – the more we choose to listen to the voice of our Shepherd, the gift of eternal life will never be stolen from us. *Intercom*