



Douglas/Rochestown Parish

Hearing Loop System (Mic@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 8th Jun '25
Pentecost Sunday

Sunday Mass
Sunday 11.00am & 12.30pm

DEATHS

The death took place of the following: **PATRICK (PAT) Shine (late of M.T.U. / C.I.T.)**. Sadly missed by his loving family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues. *May he rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sé.*

NEWS DESK

FINANCE The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: €2595, St. Patrick's: €1601. *Many thanks for your generosity.*
Concern Worldwide Church Gate Collection 14th & 15th June.

NOTICES

An invitation to the 99th Cork Eucharistic Procession: Please join us for the 99th Eucharistic Procession which takes place on **Sunday, June 22nd leaving the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne at 3.00pm**. It would be great to continue the tradition of parishioners from parishes throughout the city and beyond to walk in the procession. Parking is available in the grounds of St. Anthony's Convent, St. Mary's Road (across from the Cathedral). This year to accommodate the growing large numbers it was decided to take the final prayer and Benediction outside onto a specially constructed platform down at the end of Grand Parade near the National Monument. For more details see www.corkandross.org

The Remembrance Mass in St. Michael's Cemetery, Blackrock will be celebrated on **Wednesday 25th June @ 7.30pm**. Please bring your own seat. In the event of bad weather, Mass will be celebrated in Holy Cross Church, Mahon. *All are very welcome.*

A Cork celebration of the centenary of Matt Talbot's death will be held in The Church of the Ascension, Gurranabraher parish at **7.30 p.m. on Friday 27th June**. Fr. Tomás Walsh will be the celebrant and homilist at the mass and special prayers for Matt's beatification will be said.

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

SAVE THE DATE! Come & See! Alpha is a 10-week series of interactive sessions, where anyone can explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Each Alpha session includes food, talk and discussion. Alpha starts on Tuesday, **30 September, 7.30pm to 9pm**, in the Ardfallen Centre, Douglas Road.

Volunteers needed for CUH Volunteer Service - Are you friendly, compassionate, a fluent English speaker and engaging with up to 4 hours free a week? If yes, consider becoming a volunteer in CUH. For full details, phone 021 492 2822 or email: CUH.volunteerservice@hse.ie

Pentecost Sunday - 8 June 2025

More than a century ago, a great sailing ship was stranded off the coast of South America. Week after week the ship lay there in the still waters with not a hint of a breeze. The captain was desperate; the crew was dying of thirst. And then, on the far horizon, a steamship appeared, headed directly toward them. As it drew near, the captain called out, 'We need water! Give us water!' The steamship replied, 'Lower your buckets where you are.' The captain was furious at this cavalier response but called out again, 'Please, give us water.'

But the steamer gave the same reply, 'Lower your buckets where you are!' And with that they sailed away! The captain was beside himself with anger and despair, and he went below. But a little later, when no one was looking, a yeoman lowered a bucket into the sea and then tasted what he brought up: It was perfectly sweet, fresh water! For you see, the ship was just out of sight of the mouth of the Amazon. And for all those weeks they had been sitting right on top of all the fresh water they needed!

What we are really seeking is already inside us, waiting to be discovered, waiting to be embraced: The Holy Spirit of God, living within us from the moment of our Baptism. The Holy Spirit is saying to us at this very moment from deep in our heart, *'Lower your buckets where you are. Taste and see!'* Come, Holy Spirit! Fill our hearts and set us on fire!

Fr Anthony Kadavil, Vatican News.