



Douglas/Rochestown Parish

Hearing Loop System (Mic@T.coil)



St. Columba's Church, Douglas
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St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown
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Sunday Mass
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am & 11.00am

Sunday 06th Jul '25
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass
Sunday 11.00am & 12.30pm

DEATHS

The death took place of the following: **DEBBIE FREANEY** (née O' Rahilly) Douglas, beloved wife of Tommy, cherished mum of Emma, Martin, Eoin and Morgan, adored nana of Tiernan, Esmee, Tessa, Ella, Oran and Ruby, loving daughter of Maurice and the late Theresa, sister of Betty and John. *May she rest in peace. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanmam.*

NEWS DESK

FINANCE The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: €2513, St. Patrick's: €1493. *Many thanks for your continued generosity.*

NOTICES

The Pope's Monthly Intention - For formation in discernment: Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment - Last September, Bishop Fintan invited us to join with him in a Year of Prayer, Listening, and Discernment across the diocese. During the year, following our information meetings, there was a series of gatherings in each of the 16 Families of Parishes, with religious communities, the new Irish communities as well as engagement with our school communities. The gatherings focused on the themes of:

- Baptism
- Sunday Eucharist
- Review of the Family of Parishes

These gatherings gave us an emerging sense of what God is calling us to do, what we should strive for, and what we must prioritise in this time. Bishop Fintan would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who engaged in the journey so far and to those who supported it with their prayer. Bishop Fintan has written an initial response to what has emerged from the gatherings and invites us to read this Pastoral Letter which is now available at the back of the church. The Pastoral Letter and the thematic summary of the responses from our Family of Parishes and the diocese as a whole are available on the diocesan website (www.corkandross.org).

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.

REFLECTION - In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us about mission and vocation. It calls us to be simple and humble as we do our ministry. We should not be discouraged when people do not listen to us. As Pope Francis reminds us in the Joy of the Gospel, every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Jesus Christ. Despite our differences are we ready to accept the responsibility of carrying on his mission and ministry? Today Jesus asked each and every one of us to not only believe in him, but we are also called to share the good news throughout all the earth. *De la Salle Medical and Science Institute*

POINTS TO PONDER - One of the reasons we prefer to delegate our Lord's evangelistic work to priests, religious and missionaries is that we fear rejection. When by our words and lifestyles we tell others about Jesus, we sometimes find ourselves labeled as 'religious fanatics,' 'Bible-thumpers,' or perhaps, simply as 'old-fashioned.' Many times we take the rejection personally. So Jesus consoles us: 'Let your peace come back to you.' This means, 'Don't take it personally. You have done your part, so don't worry about the outcome.' He goes on, telling them, 'Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven' in the Book of Life! It is not up to us to force anyone to accept Jesus. Our mission is to prepare the way. If a person's heart is open, the Lord will enter in. A recent survey asked the question, 'Why do adults join the Catholic Church in spite of the scandals publicised in the media?' Seventy-five percent of the new adult converts to the Catholic Church reported that they were attracted by a personal invitation from a Catholic who had a lively relationship with Christ and his Church. As faithful Catholics, we will attract others to the Catholic Church – just as a rose attracts people by its beauty and fragrance. It's our job. It's our responsibility. We must not miss the current opportunities to be apostles in everyday life by our words and deeds. *Sundaypulpit.com*

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - Henri Amyl, a Swiss philosopher, wrote about the importance of simplicity. All of us are generally bound up with hindrances and duties that wind about us like a spider's web that restricts our movements. In order to simplify our duties and our lives we must know how to disengage what is essential from the detail in which it is entrapped. It is a lack of order that makes us slaves.' Pope John XXIII once said, 'I must strip my views of all useless foliage and concentrate on what is truth, justice and charity.' *Blessingtonparish.ie*

PRAYER FOR GOING ON HOLIDAY

Heavenly Father, Please bless our holiday time. Help our family to have patience and understanding. Guide us to be mindful of this gift of time together. Help us to make compromises when necessary and handle any chaos that comes our way with Your love and grace. Open our eyes to truly see the beauty of the memories we are creating. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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