



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 13th Jul '25
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass
Sunday 11.00am & 12.30pm

DEATHS

The death took place of the following: **SYLVESTER COTTER** (Rochestown) dearly loved husband of Olive (née Quinlan) and much loved father of Benvon, Edward, Eavan and John, loving brother of Margaret, Joe, John Oliver, Dolores and the late Renée and Tom. *Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.*

NEWS DESK

FINANCE The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€2302**, St. Patrick's: **€1605**. *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.

Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection 19th / 20th July 2025 - The Diocese of Cork and Ross provides vital support to our parishes in many areas, including Education, Religious Faith Formation in schools, Mission and Ministry, Youth Ministry, Safeguarding, and Stewardship and Governance. We also offer guidance in practical matters such as Data Protection, Finance, and Property. This work is only possible because of your continued generosity. In April, the Diocesan Quarterly Collection raised €48,661 — a contribution for which we are deeply grateful. These funds help sustain and strengthen the mission of our parishes and Families of Parishes.

As we continue this special Year of Prayer, Listening, and Discernment across our Diocese — seeking together how God is calling us to be his Church and faith communities for the future — your support is vital.

The next Diocesan Quarterly Collection will take place on the weekend of **19th & 20th July 2025**. Your generosity at that time will be greatly appreciated.

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.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY - God has compassion on us. In the gestures and deeds of the Good Samaritan we recognise the merciful acts of God in all of salvation history. It is the same compassion with which the Lord comes to meet each one of us: He does not ignore us, he knows our pain, he knows how much we need help and comfort. He comes close and never abandons us. Each of us, ask and answer the question in our heart: 'Do I believe? Do I believe that the Lord has compassion on me, just as I am, a sinner, with many problems and many issues?' Think about that and the answer is: 'Yes!'. *The late Pope Francis*

REFLECTION - Three Steps - The parable of the Good Samaritan brings out the practical nature of authentic charity. There are three steps in his response to the plight of the man dumped in the ditch.

- The first step in love is to see people, to be aware of them and attentive. Our eyes open the shutters of our aloofness when we take notice of people. Being attentive we hear them knocking on our doors, seeking entry into our lives. But so often we are experts at ignoring people and keeping them out.

- The second step is to answer the knock and let the person in. The Good Samaritan was moved with compassion for the injured traveller. Compassion literally means feeling-with, responding to the pain of the other person. When others knock at the door, compassion lets them in and is willing to reach out to them, whether it is in sharing tears in their sorrow, or celebrating with their joy or giving to their emptiness.

- The third step in charity is to translate feeling into practical action. It is amazing how many excuses we can find to avoid helping somebody in need. But really, there is no excuse to justify failing to assist somebody in a case of life or death. The two churchy men were guided by harsh legalism to pass by on the other side. But when the Samaritan came to the scene, he was moved with compassion at what he saw. His hands sprang into practical action.

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