

The recent statement from the Irish Bishops' Conference on the situation in Gaza can be found here:

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2025/06/13/gaza-words-are-not-enough-irish-bishops-call-for-solidarity-at-parish-level/>



Summer Schedule



This is the last Family of Parishes newsletter until September.

For the Summer months, copies of the mass intentions for the Family of Parishes will be available in all churches and the intentions will be posted on the church noticeboards and on our Facebook page- St Ciarán and All Saints.

The parish office will close on Thursday July 24 and reopen on Wednesday August 6.

Finance Corner 22 June
Aughadown: €505
Peter's Pence: €260
Castlehaven and Myross: €425
Peter's Pence: €270
Skibbereen: €1730
Peter's Pence: €1180

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Alcoholic Anonymous, West
Cork: 087 611 4946.
Pieta House Crisis helpline
1800 247 247 or text
HELP to 51444.
St Vincent de Paul, Skibbereen
Contact Number: 087 918 2698
Samaritans 116 123 free.

Family of Parishes Office: To book masses, arrange weddings, baptisms, anniversaries, etc. contact the Parishes' Office, 1 North St, Skibbereen:
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 10am – 1pm. (Closed Bank Holidays)
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St Ciarán & All Saints Family of Parishes Newsletter

(for the parishes of Aughadown, Castlehaven and Myross,
Kilmacabea, Rath & The Islands and Skibbereen)

Sunday 29 June 2025 Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles Vol 3: 40

COMING TO MASS IS AN INVITATION TO GROW IN FAITH

Surrounded by the love of their families in recent months, children from our Family of Parishes together with their teachers and parish, celebrated their First Holy Communion. There was a lovely mix of excitement and calm, from proud smiles to quiet moments of reflection. At mass, we were reminded of how meaningful these milestones of faith are, not just for the children but the families as well. We were also reminded of the promises we made on behalf of our children. My hope for families is that they see that coming to mass is an invitation to grow in faith.

Faith begins at home but is nourished at mass. Coming as a family is an invitation to grow spiritually. Time at mass is an invitation to remember a different life rhythm, resisting the drive to either overwork or escape into a host of other distractions. 'We need eucharist time, to realise the hidden worth and infinite value in what we often regard as the most ordinary and boring dimensions of our lives.' [D J O'LEARY]

And as Patrick Kavanagh writes, we find God in the bits and pieces of daily life. Sunday should be a day where we focus on a reality that includes, but transcends the usual pattern of days and weeks, and so it is a day, where we should rest easy in the love of God and each other.

Deirdre Hardy, Catechist, Aughadown Parish.



Skibbereen Parish News

Contact numbers: Parish Office 028 22828. Priest on duty/emergency 086 785 2262.

Submitting items for inclusion in the parish newsletter – Please email Skibbereen Parish Office: skibbereenparish@gmail.com no later than 5pm Wednesday

Mass Intentions from Saturday 28 June 2025

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Fr John Hurley, former PP of Leap, late of Clonakilty
Paddy McCarthy, High Street
Jerry O'Donovan, Abbeystrewry, Month's mind.
Margaret McCarthy, Lisalohorig, Month's mind.
- Sunday – 11am** Pauline Butler, Galleyhead Lighthouse.
Angela and Derry O'Byrne, Coronea.
Yvonne Gilmartin, Lucan and Coolnagurrane.
Mary McCarthy, Carrigfadda, Month's Mind.
- Monday – 9.30am** Joe Collins, Lissard.
- Tuesday – 9.30am** Breda Carey, recently deceased
- Wednesday – 9.30am** People of the Family of Parishes
- Thursday – 9.30am** Michael Crowley.
- Friday – 9.30am** Daniel and Mary Collins, Knockataggert.
- Saturday – 6.30pm** John O'Sullivan, Droum, Leap.
- Sunday – 11am** Donal and Bridget Hurley, Inchindreen and James O'Leary, Crosslea.
Bob Crowley and Peter Nolan.
Mary O'Sullivan, Townshend Street, Skibbereen.
Sean Cahalane, Shepperton, Month's Mind.

Cemetery masses 20 August at 7.30pm New Cemetery
27 August at 7.30pm Abbey Cemetery

We extend our condolences to the families of
Betty Cadogan (née Crowley) of Ardagh, Church Cross
And Vilma (Billie) O'Mahony of Kilnaclasha, Skibbereen
May they Rest in Peace.

We welcome to our faith community Grace Fitzgerald, daughter of Elma and Finnian, who was baptised on 21 June in St Patrick's Cathedral.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral every Monday and Friday from **10am to 6pm**

Weekday Masses Monday to Friday at **9.30am**. The **Rosary** is prayed before Mass each morning and on **Thursday** it is said for the special intention of vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood.

Rosary every **Tuesday at 8pm** at **Our Lady's Grotto**, Cork Road, Skibbereen. All welcome.

Thank you to all those who participated in our recent Corpus Christi procession. A special thank you to the choir, stewards, canopy bearers, banner carriers, altar servers, the children who recently received their first Holy Communion.

Confessions every Saturday **10am to 11am**.

Hospitality Morning in the Presbytery, will not take place during the months of July and August. This will be resumed in September.

First Friday Vigil in St Patrick's Cathedral, on fourth July 8pm to 12 midnight. It includes adoration, confession, benediction, and devotional prayers to the Sacred Heart with Mass at 10pm. Everyone is welcome to all or part. First Friday Vigil on first August and fifth September 2025.

Run Skibb will be holding a 5km run/walk on Saturday evening **12 July** from 6.30pm to 7.30pm around Skibbereen town. On Sunday morning **13 July** there will be a half marathon and a 10km race in the Skibbereen town area from 9am to 12 noon approximately. The streets/roads will not be closed but there may be slight delays with traffic going to or from Mass.

Trócaire wishes to thank the parishioners of Skibbereen for their generous contribution of €2,902.00 to the Lenten appeal.



Parish Office, Skibbereen - 028/22828 – Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri – 10am to 1pm.

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 29th June – SS Peter and Paul Apostles

9.30am Rath – Special Mass for the Donors to the Sacred Heart Church, Rath living and deceased.

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 30th June – 10.15am Rath – Barry St John Ryan, Barry Davis Ryan and Niamh O'Connor

Wednesday 2nd July – 10.15am Rath

Friday 4th July – 10.15am Rath

Saturday 5th July

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 6th July – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Mary Leonard, Reengaroga and her husband John Jerome & May O'Sullivan and Jack Walsh, Bunlick, Skibbereen Joe Collins, Lissard

Patrick & Bessie Collins formerly of Skibbereen

Nealie Bohane, Droumadoon

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10.15am.

Confessions by appointment.

We are delighted to welcome **Cór Cois Abhainn**, directed by Ian Sexton to the Sacred Heart Church, Rath today.

Eucharistic Adoration in Sacred Heart Church, Rath on Wednesday evenings from 7pm-9pm. All are welcome.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament continues every Monday and Friday from 10am to 6pm both days in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen. All are welcome.

New rotas for Ministers of the Word, Communion Ministers and Church Cleaning are now available in the sacristy.

First Friday Calls –If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion, or would appreciate a visit from a priest, please contact the parish office 028 22828.

The O'Driscoll Clan Gathering is taking place this weekend.

Mass times in Sherkin and Oileán Chléire just for this weekend will be as follows:

Oileán Chléire – Mass on Saturday 28th June at 3.30pm in Séipéal Naomh Ciarán.

Sherkin - Mass on Sunday 29th June at 11.00am at Sherkin Abbey.

Normal schedule resumes the following weekend 5th & 6th July.

This September join the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart as we walk the Camino Frances. We will end this special fundraising pilgrimage with two days in Fatima. Ex Dublin." Spiritual Director Fr Tony Horgan MSC.

For details ring Valerie at 021 4543988 or email Valerie.buckley@mscmisions.ie

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes:

"O ever Immaculate Virgin Mother of Mercy,
Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants,
my troubles, my sufferings;
look with mercy on me.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes,
you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary,
whence you dispense your favours;
and already many sufferers have obtained the cure for their infirmities,
both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with complete confidence,
to implore your maternal intercession.
Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests.
Through gratitude for your favours,
I will endeavour to imitate your virtues,
that I may one day share your glory.
Amen