

This Week:

Monday 09 June - St Columba or Colmcille was an Irish abbot and missionary evangelist credited with spreading Christianity in what is now Scotland. He founded the important abbey on Iona. Born 521 AD and died 597 AD.

Friday 13 June - St Anthony of Padua - (1195 - 1231) patron saint of lost items, sailors, shipwrecks, travellers, the poor and Padua in Italy.

Points to ponder:

- *There are seven days in the week and "someday" isn't one of them.
- *Complaining is pointless, either act or forget.
- *Don't say maybe if you want to say no.
- *Look forward with hope, not backwards with regret.

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)
Phone 028-22828 Email stciaranasfop@gmail.com*
The office will be closed on Monday June 9th.

Finance Corner 01 June

Aughadown: €690
Development Fund; €890

Castlehaven and Myross: €780
Development Fund; €770

Skibbereen: €1657

Rath: €600

Clergy

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Useful Contact Numbers

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.



St Ciarán & All Saints

Family of Parishes

Newsletter

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

Sunday 8 June 2025

Pentecost Sunday

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What Happened at the Family of Parishes Pastoral Councils' Meeting?

On May 29th a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Councils of the Family of Parishes took place, facilitated by Maura O'Flynn. Members from each of the Pastoral Councils attended and lively discussion and debate took place. Ideas discussed included how we could enhance the connection between the five parishes. The Easter Vigil this year was used as an example as it proved to be successful in bringing together the five parishes to create a meaningful and prayerful celebration. The councils looked at ways of sharing information and improving communication between the parishes. There may eventually be a Family of Parishes website, with a section for each parish, which would replace existing individual websites.

Fr. Kevin addressed the meeting saying that the four priests in the Family of Parishes really appreciate the assistance and support of retired priests and those visiting the area. He said that changes may have to be made to the Mass schedule across the Family of Parishes this summer due to the Sacred Heart priests leaving Kilmacabea parish. We await further updates from Bishop Fintan in the Summer clergy moves.

There was a short summary of items discussed, and the group decided to meet again in late September to continue the conversation. Fr. Kevin thanked everyone for their time and their involvement. The meeting concluded with a prayer.

People then enjoyed a more relaxed chat over a welcome cuppa.

*June Kelly, Skibbereen Parish Council
Annette Glanton, Parish Secretary*



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 07 June 2025

Saturday – 6.30pm Special Intention.

Sunday – 11am JJ (Derry) O'Donovan, North Street.
Pat Lynch, Licknavar.

Monday – 9.30am Rita and Jim Crowley, Bunalun

Tuesday - 9.30am

Wednesday - 9.30am People of the Family of Parishes

Thursday – 9.30am

Friday – 9.30am Nora Whooley, John Whooley, Breda Whooley and
James Whooley

Saturday – 6.30pm Special Intention.

Sunday – 11am Tadhg and Mary Whooley, Shreelane.
John Joe Geaney, Corravolley.
Jeremiah O'Donoghue, Poundlick.

We extend our condolences to the families of
Seanie Cahalane, Shepperton, Skibbereen
Mary McCarthy (née O'Mahony) Carrigfadda, Skibbereen
Sally Thornton (née O'Connell) Inse Alainn, Skibbereen
recently deceased. May they Rest in Peace.

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.

Hospitality Morning in the Presbytery, on **Wednesday** after the 9.30
am Mass. All welcome.

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

Sunday Reflection for eighth June 2025 (*Pentecost*)

The Birth of the Church (Acts 2:1-11)

It is the birthday of the Church, the day when the coming of the Holy Spirit utterly transformed the apostles from being fearful and directionless into a community empowered to carry on the mission of Jesus. Jesus promised them:

"When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses."

Eucharistic Procession – Our annual Eucharistic Procession will take place on **Sunday 22 June**. The route will be from the Cathedral, along North Street, at the Square turn left on to High Street, turn right and process along Distillery Lane to Cara House from where Benediction will be imparted. Everybody is welcome to participate, and we especially welcome the children who received their First Holy Communion recently.

We urgently require volunteers to help with cleaning the Cathedral. If you are willing to help, please contact the Parish Office **028 22828**. Each team of volunteers completes the work once every five weeks.

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday ninth June 2025**.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Sunday 8th June – Pentecost Sunday

9.30am Rath

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 9th June – 10.15am Rath

Wednesday 11th June – 10.15am Rath

Friday 13th June – 10.15am Rath – David Barry, Skibbereen

Saturday 14th June

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 15th June – The Most Holy Trinity

9.30am Rath – Mary O'Driscoll, Baltimore Hill

10.00am Cape Clear

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

Confessions by appointment.

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.

Rath NS 6th class boys have qualified for the All-Ireland FAI soccer 5 a side competition. To help reduce costs for their trip to Dublin, they will be holding a fundraising cake sale after mass today Sunday 8th June and selling raffle tickets. All support will be greatly appreciated.

Exams

We continue to extend our best wishes and prayers to all our young people who are continuing their Junior Cert and Leaving Cert exams currently.

Community Call offers a friendly call and listening service for older people, those living alone, or people living in isolated areas, predominantly in the West Cork Region, hosted by the Local Link.

This service is provided by a team of volunteers and calls can vary from five to forty-five minutes, and even occasionally longer. We are here to Listen!

The conversations are strictly confidential, and information stays within the service team. The volunteers share information about events and services in their community, our coordinator links with the local community and voluntary groups, offering information and support for our callers.

If you are interested in this service or wish to find out more on behalf of a loved one, family member, friend or neighbour.

Or alternatively if you are interested in Volunteering your time, and wish to join our call team. Please feel free to Contact Louise. Mobile: 083 400 5125

Local Link Bantry Office: 027 52727

Skibbereen Geriatric Society are holding a fundraising event in the West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen on Saturday 14th June. Tina Turner Tribute Act, International Star Rebecca O'Connor will perform all of the hits that earned Tina Turner the title "Queen of Rock and Roll"

All monies raised will assist with the construction of 8 new accommodation units at Mardyke Street, Skibbereen. Tickets from Hotel (028) 21277.

Novena to the Sacred Heart 2025 - Thursday 19th June – Friday 27th June
Feast of the Sacred Heart – Friday 27th June.

Novena Prayer to the Sacred Heart

O Divine Jesus, who said, "Ask and you shall receive",

I kneel at your feet.

From whom shall I ask if not from you,
whose heart is the source of all blessings.

With a lively faith in you,

I come to ask... (*Share your petitions silently with the Sacred Heart*).

I admit I am most unworthy of your favours, Jesus,
but this is not a reason for me to be discouraged.

You are the God of mercies and you will not refuse a contrite heart.

Look with pity on me,

I beg you, and your compassionate Heart

will find in my weakness a motive for granting my request.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on me.

Amen.