



World Day of Migrants: Sunday 5 October

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. Every year the WDMR is the last Sunday of September but this year, on the Jubilee of Migrants, the WDMR will be celebrated today, 5 October. "Migrants, missionaries of hope" is the theme. Pope Leo comments: *'Catholic migrants can become missionaries of hope in the countries that welcome them.'*

THIS WEEK

TUES 7: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, patron of Kilcoe Church (Aughadown).

• *Pope Leo asks Catholics to pray the Rosary for peace in war-torn lands each day of October.*

THURS 9, ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN is honoured today, the day this former Anglican was received into the Church in 1845. He is to be proclaimed a Doctor of the Church on Saturday 1 November

FRI 10, WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY
Mental health enables you to cope with the stresses of life, realise your abilities, learn and work well, and contribute to your community. Preserve yours!

FINANCE CORNER (28 SEPT)

AUGHADOWN: €790 CASTLEHAVEN €1,040;

KILMACABEA €990 (21 Sept €745)

SKIBBEREEN: €1,525;

RATH & THE ISLANDS: €580

☆ POINT TO PONDER ☆

'There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.'

— ALBERT EINSTEIN

CLERGY

• *Priests are on Retreat this week.*
Contact number: **086 785 2262**
or parish office (details below).

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous in West Cork: 087 611 4946.

Pieta Hse Helpline 1800 247 247; or text **HELP** to 51444.

St Vincent de Paul, Skibbereen: 087 918 2698

Samaritans: 116 123 free.

Women against Violence
Helpline 1800 203 136

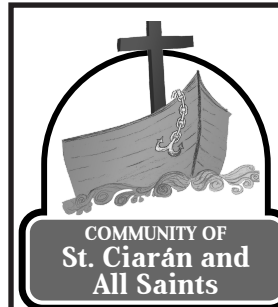
FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

TO BOOK MASSES, ARRANGE WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, ANNIVERSARIES, ETC.

CONTACT THE FAMILY OF PARISHES' OFFICE, 1 NORTH ST, SKIBBEREEN.

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St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES

NEWSLETTER

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

SUNDAY 5 OCT 2025

27TH SUNDAY

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CAN HUMANITY GET IT RIGHT? START WITH THE CHILDREN

I've been watching the news a lot recently. It has left me with a lot less trust in humanity to get things right. The weight of our human frailties will crush us if it's only ourselves we believe in.

In today's reading, the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. He tells them that for anyone with even a small amount of faith, nothing is impossible. But it can't rest there. They need to draw on a close relationship with God, for they are called to be witnesses.

We have Communion and Confirmation as *we* grow in witness. But when young in this journey, guidance, instruction and support are needed. Here then is a real opportunity for parents to fulfil the promises of baptism.

I've always felt that faith-life is best

encouraged at home. From an early age, children can grow to believe in a goodness greater than anything that humanity can create.

Next year in Spring we will celebrate Communion and Confirmation, where families within our Family of Parishes will have the opportunity to draw closer to God. Coming to Mass brings us to the lived reality of our faith. Establishing a weekly practice of attending Mass and other events is the best support you can give your child.

This shared attention to faith-life matters so much: it reveals a heartfelt wish to live faithfully — not just speak the words.

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 04 October 2025

- Saturday – 6.30pm** Tony Salter, Drishanemore.
Agnes O'Mahony, Curragh.
Mary Kelly, Pound Hill. Month's Mind
The Nolan family, Galway.
John and Mary Newman, Ilencillas.
JJ (Derry) O'Donovan, North Street.
Kathleen Coakley, Glencurragh.
Cornelius and Kate Kissane, Dunbeacon.
- Monday – 9.30am** No Mass
- Tuesday – 9.30am** Helen Sheehan, Meenvane, Schull.
- Wednesday** Jim Collins, Lake Marsh.
- Thursday – 9.30am** Patrick O'Regan, Lisalohorig, First Anniversary.
David O'Neill, Tooreenasillane.
Andrew Hegarty, Dublin.
- Friday – 9.30am** Derry O'Sullivan, Lurriga.
Paddy Walsh, Maultrahane, Kitty and Michael
O'Driscoll and Rita and Aidan Hanley, Home
Rule Terrace.
- Saturday – 6.30pm**
- Sunday – 11am**

We extend our condolences to the family of Mick O'Brien of Drishanebeg, who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the **Cathedral** every Monday and Friday from **10am to 6pm**. There are scheduled hours available for adoration, but all are welcome for any period of time.

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Confessions every Saturday 10am to 11am.

Hospitality Morning, in the Presbytery, **Monday** after the 9.30am Mass.

Skibbereen Flower and Garden Club are holding a demonstration with **The Flower Basket, Clonakilty, Edith Kakuk in Abbeystrewry Hall Skibbereen on Wednesday 8 October at 8-15pm**. Please come along and bring a friend.

Station Mass - There will be a Station Mass for **Skibbereen town and surrounding areas** on **Tuesday 14 October at 7.30pm**. Station offering envelopes are available at the back of the church.

A big **thank you** from the parish to the group of Transition Year students from Skibbereen Community School who did a fantastic job cleaning up the Sisters of Mercy graveyard.

Diocesan Quarterly Collection next weekend **Saturday/Sunday 11/12 October 2025**. The Diocese supports parishes through all kinds of services such as Education, School Religious Faith Formation support, Mission and Ministry, Youth Ministry, Safeguarding, Stewardship and Governance and in areas such as Data Protection, Finance and property advisory. This assistance to parishes is only possible through your ongoing generosity. These collections allow us to support the work in Parishes and Families of Parishes. This work is vital to enable our parishes to be renewed and invigorated. As we continue the Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment in our Diocese and discern how God is calling us to be his Church and Faith Communities into the future, your financial support is vital to allow this to happen. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4th October

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 5th October – Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – Eileen Bohane, Ballylynch

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 6th October – 10am Rath – No Mass

Wednesday 8th October – 10am Rath

Saturday 11th October

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 12th October – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rath – John Leonard, Reengaroga and his wife Mary

The McCarthy Family, Ardnagreine

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – There will be no Mass on Monday 6th October due to the Priests retreat. Mass on Wednesday 8th October is at **10am**.

Eucharistic Adoration in Sacred Heart Church, Rath on Wednesday evenings from 7pm-9pm. All are welcome even if only for ten minutes, half an hour or an hour to spend time with the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration of the blessed sacrament in the Cathedral every Monday and Friday from 10am to 6pm. There are scheduled hours available for adoration but all are welcome for any period of time.

"By being faithful to a Holy Hour of Adoration you can teach by example. The young should be taught the value of Eucharistic Adoration." St Pope John Paul II

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There will be a station mass for Rath on Friday 17th October at 7.30pm.

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Please return your completed nomination form for the new Parish Pastoral Council to the Sacristy by Monday 6th October 2025. Nomination papers are available at the doors of the Church.

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The Baltimore Community Alert Group are organising a Property Branding Day on Tuesday 14th October 2025 at the Baltimore Sailing Club from 11am to 2pm.

The idea behind property branding is to ensure when an item that is branded is stolen or lost it can be returned to the owner. Not all items have a serial number and not many of us have a list of property serial numbers. Gardai often find stolen goods and cannot trace them to their owners due to a lack of marking. The items will be branded with your Driver licence number (4d) and this number can be tracked by the Gardai and the property returned to its owner.

Examples of items for branding are: Laptops, Tablets, Phones, Tools, Power tools, Chainsaws, Lawnmowers, Ride on Lawnmowers, Bikes, Electric Bikes, Quad Bikes, Musical Instruments or any other valuables.

This is a free service but a donation to the Baltimore Lifeboat / RNLI would be welcome.