

**POPE LEO'S PRAYER
INTENTION FOR APRIL**

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

CLERGY

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**Finance Corner
29th March 2026**

Aughadown: €810
Castlehaven & Myross: €750
Kilmacabea: €1015
Skibbereen: €1560
Rath & the Islands: €565

Diocesan Needs

Aughadown: €485
Castlehaven & Myross: €540
Kilmacabea: €490
Skibbereen: €1150
Rath & the Islands: €310

Thank you for your generosity

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

**Alcoholics Anonymous in West
Cork:** 087 611 4946.
Pieta House Helpline
1800 247247; 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.

Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 10 am -1 pm
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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)*

5th April 2026

Easter Sunday

Vol. 4:29

Christus Vivet

In his letter to young people, "Christ is alive" (2019), Pope Francis asks, what brings joy or sorrow to your heart? Jesus wants to give you a gift that will bring you more joy and excitement than anything else in the world. For whom are you alive? The life that Jesus gives is a love story interwoven with your own personal stories. Why are you here on earth, and what is the Lord's plan for your life?

Youth is a gift to be received with gratitude and lived to the full. It is a time of dreams and decisions, to be explored in friendship with others and with Christ. Jesus invites you to set out to ever-new horizons. He embraces you after every fall. You need to choose wisely the spouse with whom you are to start a new family, the work you are to do in life and how to prepare to do it well, or consider the possibility of a vocation to religious life and priestly ministry.

Jesus is young among the young. He wants you to be alive, to enjoy life. In Nazareth, he had a truly human environment in which to experience the human emotions that were so much part of his adult life. At his baptism he is revealed as the Beloved Son, filled with the Holy Spirit. Every young person is called to share the same grace and mission, to hear the Father's voice: "you are my beloved child".

Fr Michael Curran MSC



Skibbereen Parish News

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 April 2026

Holy Saturday - 9pm - Easter Vigil for the Family of Parishes

Easter Sunday- 11am - The People of the Parish

Monday - 9.30am - Birthday Intention.

Tuesday - 9.30am - Timothy and Elizabeth O'Regan, Mardyke Street.

Wednesday - **No Mass.**

Thursday - 9.30am - The Holy Souls.

Friday – 9.30am - Tony O'Driscoll, Inchinagotagh, recently deceased

Saturday – 6.30pm - Special Intention.

James Long, Mileenahorna and Wales.

Pat McCarthy, Month's Mind.

Sunday- 11am - Tadg Crowley.

Anthony Burke, Chapel Lane, First Anniversary.

Pat Joe Hayes, Tragumna.

Ellen O'Mahony, Cois Caol, First Anniversary.

We extend our condolences to the family of Breda White (née McCarthy) Crosshaven and Home Rule Terrace, Skibbereen who died recently.

Confessions Holy Saturday 10am to 11am

Divine Mercy Sunday in St Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on **12 April at 2.30pm**. Blessing of the Image, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction. Concluding at 4pm (approximately). All are welcome.

Confessions every Saturday 10am to 11am.

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 on **Easter Monday** after Mass from **10am to 12 noon**, and on Friday from **10am to 6pm**. There are scheduled hours available for adoration, but all are welcome for any period.

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

Hospitality Morning in the Presbytery– will resume on Monday 13 April, after 9.30am Mass.

The priests of the Family of Parishes would like to wish you all every blessing this Easter and to thank you for all your support in the busy run up to Easter.

Envelopes for Easter Offering are available in the Cathedral.

Collection for Priests – the collection at the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday and Mass on Easter Sunday is for the priests of the parish. The bishop allows only two days in the year when the offertory collection is given to the priests – Christmas and Easter. All other collections are for the running of the Cathedral.

The annual pilgrimage of The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration takes place in Knock on Saturday 18 April from 6pm to 9pm and on Sunday 19 April from 10.30am to 5pm. Bus leaving **Skibbereen on Sunday 19 April at 4am**. For further details please contact Phil 086 1238356.

Skibbereen Flower and Garden Club are holding a demonstration with Breda Keohane, Ballinhassig on **Wednesday 8 April at 8.15pm** in Abbeystrewry Hall. All very welcome. Come along and enjoy.

Padre Pio Mass and Prayer Meeting at the Sacred Heart Church, Rath, Baltimore, P81 AK06 on **Monday 13 April beginning at 7pm**, Adoration and Rosary followed by Mass at 7.30pm. Blessing with First Class Relic of St Pio of Pietrelcina. Petition Box with Mass offered for those intentions. The prayer meeting and Mass will be held on the second Monday of each month except in July and August. Wheelchair accessible.

Parish Office will reopen on **Wednesday eighth April**.



Parish Office, Skibbereen - 028/22828 – Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri – 10am to 1pm.
Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4th April – Holy Saturday

9.00pm Easter Vigil for the Family of Parishes in St Patricks Cathedral,

Sunday 5th April - Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

9.00am Sherkin – Easter Sunday Mass

9.30am Rath – Easter Sunday Mass

10.00am Cape Clear – Easter Sunday Mass

All Masses on Easter Sunday will be offered for the People of the Parish.

Monday 6th April - 10.00am – Rath – No Mass

Wednesday 8th April 10.00am – Rath

Saturday 11th April

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 12th April – Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rath – Ellen Connolly, South Rath

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – There will be no Mass on Monday 6th April. Mass on Wednesday 8th April is at **10am**.

The priests of the Family of Parishes would like to thank all those who participated in the Holy Week ceremonies. Your presence enriched the experience for all.

We wish all parishioners and those joining us for Easter all the blessings of the Risen Lord.

We extend our condolences to the family of James Sheehy, Ballylynch, Baltimore who died recently. May he Rest in Peace

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Reminder to please return your Trócaire Boxes to the church, so all monies collected can be forwarded to Trócaire.

Divine Mercy Sunday in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen on the 12th of April beginning at 2.30pm. Blessing of the Image, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction. Concluding at 4pm (approx.). All are welcome.

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

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The Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 18th September to Wednesday 23rd September 2026 under the patronage of Bishop Fintan Gavin.

Bookings are now open with Joe Walsh Tours on (01) 2410 800 for those wishing to travel as pilgrims. Flights will depart from Cork to Lourdes, and a range of hotels is available from €965 per person sharing, with the full pilgrimage programme included.

Volunteers are also needed for the pilgrimage, including doctors, nurses, care assistants and helpers, as well as young adult helpers aged 18–30 years. For general enquiries about the pilgrimage please contact (085) 2525 040 or email lourdes@corkandross.org.