

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY:
for prayer with the Word of God....
"Let us pray that praying with the Word of God may be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church".

Saints of the Day

Feb. 22nd - The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter is celebrated to remember the words that Jesus said to Peter; "You are Peter, and on this rock, I shall build my Church"- Matthew 16:18. The chair serves as a symbol of authority, particularly of the papacy. It symbolizes the Pope's role as both a teacher and a pastor. "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." -Matthew 16:19

Feb. 23rd - St. Polycarp, martyred on February 23rd of the year 155 aged 86 years, is one of the Christian authors who lived between the 1st and 2nd centuries and who had close ties with the Apostles. He was a disciple of the Evangelist St John and Bishop of Smyrna.

Finance Corner 15th Feb. 2026

Aughadown: €855
Castlehaven & Myross: €990
 Lourdes fund: €600
Kilmacabea: €555
Skibbereen: €1,460
Rath & the Islands: €555

Thank you for your generosity

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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.
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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)

22nd Feb. 2026

First Sunday in Lent

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400th Anniversary of the Basilica of St. Peter (1626-2026)

While the Co-Cathedral Parish in Skibbereen marks her bicentenary this year, another Church is marking her fourth-centenary in 2026. Cardinal Mauro Gambetti, this week announced initiatives for the 400th anniversary of the Basilica's dedication, including a multilingual platform for pilgrims, access to previously inaccessible areas, and the launch of the new 'Michelangelus' font.

The year begins on 20th February with the inauguration of a new *Way of the Cross* and will conclude on 18th November with Mass presided over by Pope Leo XIV.

Describing a year of spiritual, cultural, and technological developments, Cardinal Gambetti revealed new services for pilgrims and visitors. He anticipated a multilingual liturgical platform developed with the Dicastery for Communication and *Translated*, a global leader in AI-based language solutions. Translations will be accessible by smartphone, enabling the faithful to follow the principal celebrations in their chosen language.

Full article can be found on Vatican News website – www.vatican.va



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 21 February 2026

Saturday - 6.30pm - Dan and Josephine Griffin, Cork Road.

Denis (D.D.) Kelleher, Home Rule Terrace.
Paddy Collins, North Street.

Sunday – 11am - Eileen Daly, nee Cahalane, Skibbereen & Killarney.

Leo Werner.

Pat Cleary, Market Street.

Chris Kelly, Month's Mind

Monday – 9.30am - Denis P. O'Driscoll, Kilkilleen and Cape Clear.

Tuesday – 9.30am - Special Intention

Wednesday - **No Mass**

Thursday - 9.30am - Hester O'Brien

Thursday – 7pm - First Confession, St Patrick's BNS School

Friday - 9.30am - Bill Hayes, Cullinagh

Saturday - 6.30pm - Breda Forde, Skibbereen.

Sunday – 11am - Michael Walsh, Dunmanway.

John and Nellie O'Mahony, Inchinagotagh.

Richard and Kerry Hodnett, Gortnaclohy.

David Fahy, St Fachtna's Terrace, Month's Mind.

Lily Murphy, Month's Mind.

Tom Burns, Month's Mind.

We extend our condolences to the family of:

Patrick (Paddy) Leahy, Ballincollig, Cork and Skibbereen
who died recently. May he Rest in Peace

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

Confessions every Saturday 10am to 11am.

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

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.

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

Leap Parish - As we all get on with our everyday lives, it seems only a short time ago that we marvelled at the pictures of Baby Jesus in the crib and yet in a few weeks we will be looking at the crucified Jesus on the cross. **For the season of Lent**, Leap Parish are hosting evenings of prayer in **St Mary's Catholic Church, Leap**. These will begin on **Thursday 19 February at 7.30 pm**. with the topic of Peace. Everyone is welcome to join and use this time to reflect and enjoy quiet reflection, prayer, liturgy, and song.

TROCAIRE

Last year, Trócaire worked with over 40,000 people in at-risk communities across Rwanda, helping vulnerable families build resilience against climate change by:

- Supporting over 2,500 women to receive training in sustainable resource management
- Providing over 20,000 families with fuel-efficient cookstoves to reduce firewood use
- Planting over 320,000 trees across the country

Join the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart **Pilgrimage to Fatima from the 22 to 26 September 2026** ex Cork and Dublin. Spiritual Director Fr Joe McGee, MSC. For more details ring Karen in Barters Travel or email kcallaghan@travelnet.ie

The blood donation clinic returns to The West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen from Monday/Wednesday 23/25 February. **Call 1800 731 137** to book.



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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 21st February

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 22nd February – First Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – Claire Connolly, Lough Hyne

Margaret & Jerome Minihane, Creagh

Julia & Michael Forde, Creagh & London

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 23rd February - 10.00am – Rath

Wednesday 25th February 10.00am – Rath

Saturday 28th February

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 1st March – Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am Rath – John Connolly, Crow Hill

Hannah & Denis Whooley, Ballylynch

Tommy Deenihan, Baltimore & Blackrock – First Anniversary

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – Mass on Monday 23rd and Wednesday 25th February is at **10am**.

We welcome Sophie Dwyer, daughter of Jerome and Abigail, into our faith community here in Rath and The Islands. Sophie was baptised in Sacred Heart Church, Rath on Saturday 14th February.

Second Collection next Sunday 8th March for Irish Bishops Commission.

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

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Baltimore Lifeboat Dinner – Caseys Hotel, Saturday 7th March. Tickets €25 available from Bushes Bar.

This May join the **Missionaries of the Sacred Heart team as we walk St Declan's Way from the Rock of Cashel to the Round Tower in Ardmore**. Spiritual Director Fr Tony Horgan MSC. For more details regarding this fundraising pilgrimage, please contact Mary at 021/4546691 or email mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie

Please join us for Maranatha on Thursday 26th February in Cork City Hall.

Maranatha is a high-energy, faith-based concert that celebrates young people, joy, belonging, and faith.

Young people from parishes across the diocese attending post-primary schools have been preparing for Maranatha 2026.

The full day event cumulates in a concert in Cork City Hall on Thursday 26th February with over 500 young people singing together.

Maranatha was created to bring young people together to celebrate their faith through music and have fun at the same time.

Please support our young people by coming to this event. Tickets are €15 (plus booking fee) and are available to book on [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie) (search maranatha). Doors open 7pm, with concert beginning at 7.30pm.