

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Skibbereen: Saturday 10am-11am

St. Brigid's, Union Hall

9th and 23rd May 11.00-11.30

St. Barrahanes, Castlehaven

16th and 30th May 11.00-11.30

Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick

St. Comghall, Aughadown
May 4th at 11.00am

St. Brigid, Union Hall
May 5th at 7.00pm

St. Barrahanes, Castlehaven
May 8th at 7.00pm

Please note that Mass on May 4th, 5th and 8th is rescheduled to a later time.

Finance Corner 26th April 2026

Aughadown: €755

Castlehaven & Myross: €920

Kilmacabea: €665

Skibbereen: €1470

Rath & the Islands: €785

Thank you for your generosity

CLERGY

Fr. Kevin O'Regan Co-PP (Moderator)
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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



St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES

Newsletter

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

3rd May 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

Vol. 4:33

St. Patrick's Cathedral Skibbereen - Part 1

Rossmore native, Fr. Michael Collins arrived in Skibbereen in 1814. The new parish priest recognised that the old chapel in Skibbereen needed replacing. Fundraising began in 1818 and 8 years later, the new chapel opened its doors to the people of the town and surrounding area.

The building's architect, Michael Augustin O'Riordan designed several other churches in the area including those in Dunmanway and Bantry and local liberal landlord, William Wrixon Becher offered the land and appears to have sat on the fundraising committee.

Skibbereen was part of the Diocese of Cloyne and Ross back then and in 1827 Fr. Michael Collins was made a coadjutor bishop and, since he chose to stay in Skibbereen, St. Patrick's became his Cathedral. A very fine monument by Hogan marks the resting place of Bishop Collins when he died prematurely in late 1832. It would be 18 years before the next bishop came to live in Skibbereen and that would be in 1850 when Ross became an independent diocese. In the intervening years, the administrator, Fr. Fitzpatrick had overseen the construction of the fine west facing façade.

Bishop Keane left in 1858 to become Bishop of Cloyne and a local man, Michael O'Hea of Woodfield became bishop. Among other things, he enlarged the organ gallery and purchased our Stations of the Cross. He is commemorated by a fine memorial by Farrell of Dublin and like Bishop Collins, is buried within the Cathedral.

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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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 02 May 2026

Saturday – 6.30pm - Special Intention.

Sunday – 11am - Tony O'Driscoll, Inchinagotagh.
Breda White, Month's Mind.

Monday - 9.30am - Róisín Walsh, recently deceased

Tuesday - 9.30am – Patrick Leahy, Cork and Skibbereen, recently deceased

Wednesday - **No Mass.**

Thursday- 9.30am - Chris Kelly, recently deceased.

Friday – 9.30am – Jimmy Leahy, recently deceased.

Saturday – 6.30pm – Margaret McCarthy, Lisalohorig, First Anniversary
Stephen Buckley, Farranconner
Mary Ellen Murphy, Upper High Street, Skibbereen
Noel O'Driscoll, Month's Mind.

Sunday – 11am – Bicentenary Mass

We extend our condolences to the families of: Catherine Paul, (née O'Driscoll) Donnybrook, Dublin and Skibbereen
Joe Carroll, Coronea, Skibbereen and Dunmanway
who died recently. May they 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.

Confessions every Saturday 10am to 11am.

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

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

Congratulations to all the candidates from St Joseph's, St Patrick's and the Gaelscoil who were recently confirmed by Bishop Fintan Gavin. Well done to all those who were involved in the preparation of the young people and those involved in the ceremonies.

Monday 4 May is a bank holiday the Hospitality Morning will not take place.

Bicentenary of St Patrick's Cathedral Skibbereen 1826 - 2026: On **Sunday 10 May** we will celebrate the bicentenary of our Cathedral. On that day Mass will be celebrated, by Bishop Fintan Gavin, at 11am. Afterwards we will have refreshments in the marquee in the Presbytery grounds. All welcome.

Commemorative candles will be for sale at €10.00 each.

Second Collection 9 & 10 May 2026 - Mission and Ministry Special Collection - will take place on the weekend of 9 & 10 May. This office plays a vital role in supporting our priests, parishes, and Families of Parishes as we work together to help people grow in faith and live as missionary disciples. It provides formation and support for Parish Pastoral Councils, Baptism and Funeral Ministry Teams, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, Choirs, and other ministries, as well as offering resources for prayer, evangelisation and adult sacramental preparation. Thanks to your generosity, this work continues to grow and reach more people across our diocese. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement of this important work.

Mass at Enniskeane Parish Church will be celebrated on **Friday 22 May at 7.30pm** to mark the birthday of Saint Padre Pio. Blessings with the relic of Saint Padre Pio will take place from 6pm to 7pm and after Mass. A collection will be taken up at Mass and shared between the Capuchin Day Centre and the Parish Building Fund.

First Holy Communion in St Patrick's Cathedral, Saturday 16 May at 10.30am St Patrick's Boys' School and **Saturday 23 May** at 10.30am St Joseph's Girls' School and Gaelscoil Dhoctúir Uí Shúilleabháin.



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

Priest on Duty/Emergency – 086/7852262

Mass Intentions

Saturday 2nd May

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 3rd May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rath – Anne, Francis & Joe Sheehan, Spain

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 4th May - 10.00am – Rath

Wednesday 6th May 10.00am – Rath – Fr Colm O'Mahony

Saturday 9th May

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 10th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rath – Paddy & Breeda Cahalane, Ballymacrown

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – Mass on Monday 4th May and on Wednesday 6th May will be at **10am**.

Mission and Ministry Special Collection next weekend 9th & 10th May 2026

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Visit of the Relics of St Carlo Acutis - the Relics of St. Carlo Acutis will be in the Diocese from Fri 29th May - Mon 1st June. The relics will be in St Patricks Cathedral, Skibbereen on Friday 29th May. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm followed by veneration of the relics.

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

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

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

Skibbereen Community Hospital Mega Bingo Fundraiser Sunday 3rd May at 3pm in the West Cork Hotel. Everybody welcome, the more the merrier for a great cause and a chance to win a fantastic spot prize in the raffle.

Rath Vintage Club Annual Tractor Run will be held today **Sunday 3rd May**. Registration is from 12 noon at Rath Church car park. Tractors will leave at 2pm. Proceeds of this year's events will go to the Wild Atlantic Pool, Baltimore and other local charities. Refreshments after the run in An Sibín Bar, with music by DJ Chris.

The Mass to mark the birthday of Saint Padre Pio at Enniskeane Parish Church will be celebrated on Friday May 22nd at 7.30pm. Blessings with the relic of Saint Padre Pio will take place from 6pm to 7pm and after Mass. A collection will be taken up at Mass and shared between the Capuchin Day Centre and the Parish Building Fund.

41st All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock

On Saturday 6th of June there is a bus going from West Cork to Knock. A Spirit filled day as we pray for our country and the World. If you would like to be there Please contact Karen on 087 6598933 as soon as possible.