

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Skibbereen: Saturday 10am-11am

Castlehaven

25th April 11.00-11.30

Union Hall

2nd June 11.00-11.30

CLERGY

Fr. Kevin O'Regan Co-PP
(Moderator) PH: 028-22878

Fr Bernard Cotter Co-PP
(*On Sabbatical leave*)

Fr Evin O'Brien CC, Family of
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Finance Corner 12th April 2026

Aughadown: €860

Castlehaven & Myross: €860

Development Fund €950

Kilmacabea: €760

Maintenance: €500

Skibbereen: €1860

Rath & the Islands: €1030

Good Friday – *Holy Places*

Aughadown: €230

Castlehaven & Myross: €400

Kilmacabea: €

Skibbereen: €830

Rath & the Islands: €305

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



St Ciarán & All Saints
FAMILY OF PARISHES

Newsletter

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

19th April 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter Vol. 4:31

Peacebuilding Pope

God desires peace for all nations: a peace that is not merely and absence of conflict, but an expression of justice and dignity. And this peace, which allows you to face the future with a reconciled heart, is only possible through forgiveness.

The true struggle for liberation will only be definitely won when you have finally gained the peace of your hearts. I know how difficult it is to forgive. However, as conflicts continue to multiply world wide, you cannot add resentment to resentment, from generation to generation.

The future belongs to men and women of peace. In the end, justice will always triumph over injustice, and violence, despite appearances, will never have the final word.

Excerpt from Pope Leo XIV's speech in Algeria this week, @pontifex.

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: skibbereeparish@gmail.com no later than 5pm Wednesday

Mass Intentions from Saturday 18 April 2026

Saturday – 6.30pm - Billy Hurley, Gortnaclohy.

Dickie and Eily May Fitzgerald, The Abbey.

Mary McCarthy, Lisalohorig.

Sunday- 11am - Joe and Helen Harnedy, Mardyke Street and Dromig and their daughter in law, Chris Harnedy, recently deceased in London.

Pat Joe O’Neill, Kilnaclasha and Paddy O’Neill, Upper Bridge Street.

John and Margaret McCarthy, Derrygool and The Abbey.

Róisín Walsh, Month’s Mind.

Michael O’Donovan, First Anniversary.

Richard Coakley, Glencurragh, Month’s Mind.

Monday - 9.30am - Nick Daly.

Tuesday - 9.30am - Kathleen Ring, Coronea Drive.

Wednesday - **No Mass.**

Thursday - 9.30am John and Mary Murphy, Bauravilla.

Friday – 10.30am – Confirmation, St Patrick’s Boys’ NS and Gaelscoil Dhochtúir Uí Shúilleabháin.

Saturday – 6.30pm - Special Intention.

Hannah and Charlie Davis, Home Rule Terrace.

Sunday- 11am - Tony O’Driscoll, Inchinagotagh.

Pat McCarthy, recently deceased.

We extend our condolences to the family of Noel O’Driscoll, North Street, Skibbereen who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

Masses this week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9.30am and Friday at 10.30am.

Confessions every Saturday 10am to 11am.

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

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

A station mass for Lurriga and Mill Road will be held in the home of Norma and Richard Gough on Saturday April 25 at 11am. All welcome.

Visiting Choir: Today **Sunday 19 April** we welcome to St Patrick’s Cathedral, Skibbereen, the choir from St Patrick’s Church, Rochestown. The choir will sing at the **11.00am Mass** as part of the planned events to mark the bicentennial of the Cathedral.

Confirmation: We welcome to our parish our Bishop Fintan Gavin who will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on **Friday next 24 April at 10.30am** for the pupils of St Patrick’s Boys’ NS. and Gaelscoil Dhochtúir Uí Shúilleabháin. We pray for the candidates and their families at this important moment in their faith journey

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 Dhochtúir Uí Shúilleabháin.

Totus Tuus 2026 Pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from 28 August to 04 September. The cost is €915.00 which includes flights, half board accommodation, airport transfers, and daytrips. There are places available to fly from Cork or Dublin Airport. For more information please phone Damien on **087 204 9048**.

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

Tidy Towns - volunteers meet at the Fairfield, **Tuesday at 7pm**. New volunteers most welcome.

Skibbereen Community Hospital Mega Bingo Fundraiser Sunday 3 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.



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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th April

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 19th April – Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rath – Martina O’Brien, Bunlick

Daniel Connolly, Crow Hill – First Anniversary

James Sheehy, Ballylynch – Months Mind

10.00am Cape Clear

Monday 20th April - 10.00am – Rath – No Mass

Tuesday 21st April – 10.30am – Rath - Confirmation Ceremony

Wednesday 22nd April 10.00am – Rath – Pat McSweeney, Rath Bridge

Saturday 25th April

4.45pm Sherkin

Sunday 26th April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rath – Paddy Connolly, Kinsale & Skibbereen

10.00am Cape Clear

Weekday Masses – There will be No Mass on Monday 20th April. Mass on Wednesday 22nd April will be at **10am**.

Confirmation - We welcome Bishop Noel O’Regan to the Sacred Heart Church, Rath as he will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on next Tuesday 21st April at 10.30am for the pupils of Rath National School and Abbeystrewry National School.

We pray for the confirmation candidates, their families and their teachers at this important moment in their faith journey

Fr Kevin and Fr Evin wish to thank you for your generosity in the Easter Offerings. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

We extend our condolences to the family of Sylvanus John Connolly, Oldcourt who died recently. May he Rest in Peace

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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.

Baltimore, Rath & the Islands Community Council will hold their AGM on Thursday 7th May at 8pm in Baltimore Community Hall. All are welcome to attend. For further information contact baltimoreareacommunitycouncil@gmail.com.

Best of Luck to Ilen Rovers Junior Ladies in the County Final versus Ballinhassig today Sunday 19th April at 2pm in Ibane Gaels, Timoleague.

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.