

RATH & THE ISLANDS BALTIMORE, WEST GORK



"The Parish from the End of the World"

We have a unique Parish:

Just under half of the households in the Parish are full time residents, the other half are visitors and many have houses in the Parish.

They are a valuable part of our community and are most welcome to share with us the full facilities of Parish life.

The Parish has plans for developments and improvements and these are some of the plans we have in mind.

- Camera system in Rath Church to allow Mass to be relayed to the housebound and to the Island Communities in bad weather.
- Develop training opportunities for Parish Volunteers and develop the role and further training of our Parish Catechists.
- Rath Church - A drop down Screen system and to improve the speaker system
- Expansion of Meeting Room facilities to include children's area and to improve the catering and storage areas.
- Ongoing work on the Churches and houses on Oileán Chléire and Sherkin.

We as a Parish can achieve these goals with a sustainable financial structure such as what we are proposing in this document.

For Example:

- Weekly Offering - €5 ➤ Monthly Offering - €21
- Annual offering - €250

By simply signing the Standing Order for whatever amount that your household can afford we can share in a secure future for our Parish.

YOUR PARISH – YOUR COMMUNITY

Rath & The Islands – Sherkin & Oilean Chleire

A PARISH WITH A STRONG **PAST**
A LIVING & LIVELY **PRESENT**
& WITH YOUR HELP
A PLAN TO SECURE THE **FUTURE**

What does your Parish Community Provide:

- There is a Priest on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.
- Visiting the sick and those who are no longer able to attend Mass at home, in the Nursing Home and Community Hospital
- Four Weekend Masses – 400 people in the summer and 200 in the winter
- Three Weekday Masses
- Funerals – approx 15 per year
- Weddings – approx 6 per year
- Altar Servers – 28 boys and girls
- First Holy Communion – approx 12 children per year
- Confirmation – approx 24 children (every 2 years)
- Other annual events including November Novena, House Station Masses, Skour Well Mass & Blessing of Boats.
- Special Ceremonies at Christmas, St Patricks Day and Easter Week Ceremonies, Lá le Ciarán and also the traditional tea parties at these events.
- Care for 3 Church Buildings – Rath, Sherkin and Oileán Chléire



Sacred Heart Church, Rath



St. Mona's Church, Sherkin



St. Ciarán's Church, Oileán Chléire



Q. How is this Parish activity paid for at Present?

A. People give money to the Offertory (Basket)

Collection at Masses

2017 - INCOME
€62,287

EXPENDITURE
€52,234

2018 - INCOME
€57,374

EXPENDITURE
€72,721
Note: including €15,000 for painting of Oileán Chleire church.

A copy of the full Parish Accounts for the past two years is available on the Skibbereen and Rath Parish website: www.skibbereenandrath.ie

People Give Their Time:

It is possible to run a Parish on so little income because of the hundreds of hours of our *Volunteers*, including Sacristans, Church Lock up, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers and their families, Parish Choir, Church Collectors, Counting of Money, Church Cleaners, Church Flower Arrangers, Maintenance of Church Grounds and Buildings, Christmas Crib Team, Parish Pastoral Assembly, Parish Finance Committee and Planning Sub group.

Q. Where does the Income for the Parish Clergy come from?

A. Special Collections on Christmas Day, Easter Sunday, 1st Sunday in August, November Novena Collection and Spring & Autumn Stations collections.

2017 - €24,231 **2018 -** €23,920

At present there are six collections each year that provide the income for the Parish Clergy. In Cork and Ross Diocese the normal income for a Priest is €35,000 per annum.

We are proposing some important changes for the following reasons:

For the future sustainability of the Parish. We are also aware many more people are going "cashless" – Up to 40% of transactions in shops and businesses are now using Debit & Credit Cards

Many people prefer to pay for services by **Standing Orders**

We invite you to set up 2 standing orders.

Standing Order 1

Your contribution to the Parish

Possibly €21 per month or whatever you can afford.

(Quarterly or yearly contribution may suit you better.)

Standing Order 2

Your contribution to the Income for the Clergy

Possibly €20 four times a year or whatever you can afford.

(An annual contribution may suit you better.)

Note: This replaces Spring and Autumn Stations, 1st Sunday in August and November Novena collection

If you contribute over the threshold of €250 annually to the **Parish Account**, the Parish as a recognised charity can claim a tax rebate and this rebate is paid directly to the Parish. Example: a contribution of €250 will benefit the Parish Account with the rebate to the amount of €327.50 at no extra cost to you.

If you sign up to the Standing Orders you will receive a Membership Card.

Parish Account - Standing Order 1

FOR YOUR BANK

To the Manager

Branch Address

I/We hereby authorise and request you to debit my/our account
(Details of the account from which payments will be made)

Account Name:

BIC (optional)

IBAN

and to Credit the Beneficiary/Receiver account
(Details of the account to which payments will be made)

Account Name:

BIC

IBAN

*Beneficiary / Receiver Reference
Reference will appear on Rath Parish statement PLEASE INCLUDE SO WE CAN IDENTIFY YOU.

Start Date (cannot be historic)

Frequency Monthly Quarterly Annually

Amount

Signature Date

Signature Date

To set-up this Standing Order
Option 1: present this form to your own bank
Option 2: return completed form to Parish office in envelope provided
Option 3: online banking users can set-up standing order directly

Clergy Account - Standing Order 2

FOR YOUR BANK

To the Manager

Branch Address

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Account Name:

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