

# PARISHES NEWSLETTER

## Skibbereen and Rath & the Islands

Parishes website – [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

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**Notifications of anniversaries:** Please place these in the Sacristy letter box.

**Child Safeguarding:** Contact Telephone: (00353) 0 28 22828 (Parish Office)

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**Parish Pastoral Assemblies:** Contact Telephone: 028 22828 (Parish Office)

Skibbereen: - Chair; Anita Henderson; Vice Chairperson: Dolores Ruane; Secretary – Clare Gallagher.

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**Parish Newsletter and website notices** - Please note newsletter editorial email [skibrathisnews@gmail.com](mailto:skibrathisnews@gmail.com) Notices for insertion should be concise (about 30 words) and may contain information about non-commercial matters. Written notices may be sent to the Parish Office not later than Wednesday evening for inclusion in the following week's newsletter. Please see the Parishes website for full guidelines: [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

**Covid 19 restrictions** now apply and public Masses are discontinued for the present. Live streaming of Masses from Sacred Heart Church, Rath available at

**[www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 - Ss Basil and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors of the Church**

7.30pm Rath Online at [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Second Sunday of Christmas**

10.15am Rath Online at [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Before Epiphany**

10.15am Rath – Online at [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> St Charles of St Andrew, priest**

10.15am Rath – Special Intention

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> The Epiphany of the Lord**

10.15am Rath – Online at [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> St Raymond of Penafort, priest**

10.15am Rath - Online at [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> After Epiphany**

10.15am Rath – Online at [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> After Epiphany**

7.30pm Rath – Online at [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Baptism of the Lord**

10.15am Rath – Online at [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

**An Act of Spiritual Communion** - My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

### Feasts This Week

**2<sup>nd</sup>: St Basil**, 330-79, Bishop of Caesarea, lived an ascetic life establishing norms for monastic life. He was a theologian of distinction. **St Gregory**, 329-89, a friend of Basil, was Bishop of Sasima and later of Constantinople. He retired to live a monastic life.

**5<sup>th</sup> : St Charles of St Andrew**. John Andrew Houben was born in Holland in 1821. He took vows as a Passionist in 1846 and came to Mount Argus in 1857. It was there he spent most of his priestly life. His ministry in the confessional was renowned and the poor of Dublin found in him a strong support. He died on 5 January 1893. St Charles was canonised on 3 June 2007.

**6<sup>th</sup>: 'The Epiphany** is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his Baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation'

**7<sup>th</sup>: St Raymond of Penafort**, 1175-1275, was a very brilliant lawyer when, at the age of forty-seven, he became a Dominican. Later he became Master General of the Dominicans and Archbishop of Tarragona.

**10<sup>th</sup>: The Baptism of the Lord**. Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ - Priest, Prophet and King - and the Father looks on us with favour.

**Marriages:** At least 3 months' notice; Please contact one of the priests or the office for further information.

**Baptisms by appointment:** each Saturday at 4.00pm (Cathedral) or on Sunday in Rath following 10.15am Mass; Forms available in Office (Skibbereen) & Sacristy. (Rath) Office: 028 22828, or download from parish website [www.skibbereenandrath.ie](http://www.skibbereenandrath.ie)

**Confessions:** No Confessions possible just now due to Covid19 restrictions

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament;** Cathedral Exposition Chapel – Open every day

**Rosary:** each Tuesday evening at 8.00pm at the Grotto, Cork Rd.

**Priest on Duty**  
this week:

Fr Michael

Emergency only  
086-7852262.

<p><b>Mass from Rath Church is available on the parishes facebook pages:</b>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Rath-And-The-Islands-Parish-107099597589866/">https://www.facebook.com/Rath-And-The-Islands-Parish-107099597589866/</a></p>	<p><b>THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM</b>          After the First Reading comes the responsorial Psalm, which is an integral part of the Liturgy of the Word and holds great liturgical and pastoral importance, because it fosters meditation on the word of God.  <b>The responsorial Psalm</b> should correspond to each reading and should, as a rule, be taken from the Lectionary. It is preferable that the responsorial Psalm be sung, at least as far as the people's response is concerned. Hence, the psalmist, or the cantor of the Psalm, sings the verses of the Psalm from the ambo or another suitable place. The entire congregation remains seated and listens but, as a rule, takes part by singing the response, except when the Psalm is sung straight through without a response. In order, however, that the people may be able to sing the Psalm response more readily, texts of some responses and psalms have been chosen for the various seasons of the year or for the various categories of Saints. These may be used in place of the text corresponding to the reading whenever the Psalm is sung. If the Psalm cannot be sung, then it should be recited in such a way that it is particularly suited to fostering meditation on the word of God.</p>
<p><b>Hear Mass via the Radio, TV and Internet</b>  <b>Radio Maria:</b> Mass is broadcast daily at 10.00 am and on Sunday at 10.00 am and 11.00 am. Listen on Saorview ch 210, or on the "Radio Maria Ireland" App, or on Internet <a href="https://www.radiomaria.ie/">https://www.radiomaria.ie/</a> and on Facebook "Listen Live Radio"  <b>RTE News Now TV</b> broadcasts Mass every weekday at 10.30am. (Try Sky channel 521)  <b>Church Services website</b> guides you to a multitude of available Masses both here and in Europe: <a href="http://www.churchservices.tv/timetable">www.churchservices.tv/timetable</a></p>	<p><b>WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY</b>  <b>18-25 JANUARY 2021</b>          From 18-25 January, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is held. The texts for the Masses for Christian Unity are given in the Missal, pp. 1 176-81. These can be used on days which allow a choice throughout the Week of Prayer. The Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs, form I (The Church on the Path of Unity), may be used each day. The theme for the 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 'Abide in My Love... You Shall Bear Much Fruit'. It was discerned by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland and finds its origins in the Gospel of John (cf. Jn 15:5-9):</p>
<p><b>Recently Baptised</b>          Aaron Galvin, The Moorings,          Zoey Grace Ryan, The Mills  <i>God our Father, You always work to save us, and now we rejoice in the great love you give to your chosen people. Protect all who have become your children, and continue to bless those who are already baptised.</i>  <b>Recently Deceased</b>          Rosaleen Dwyer, COPE Cork Road  <i>God of loving kindness, listen favourably to our prayer: strengthen our belief that your Son has risen from the dead and our hope that your servant will also rise again</i></p>	<p><b>ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER</b>          The season of Christmas ends with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. As the season draws to an end, the solemnity of the Epiphany offers an opportunity to proclaim the centrality of Christ's paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. The Easter Triduum of the Passion, death and Resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year. The proclamation of the date of Easter may be announced on the solemnity of the Epiphany after the homily or after the Prayer after Communion. The Announcement with music is to be found in RM, pp. 1351-2.          Know, dear brothers and sisters that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.          On the seventeenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.          On the fourth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.          On the sixteenth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.          On the twenty-third day of May, the feast of Pentecost.          On the sixth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.          On the twenty-eighth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever.          Amen.</p>
<p><b>Three wonders</b> mark this day we celebrate: today the star led the Magi to the manger; today water was changed into wine at the marriage feast; today Christ desired to be baptised by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation, alleluia          (Magnificat antiphon of Evening Prayer)</p>	
<p><b>St VINCENT DE PAUL. CONTACT NUMBER; 087 9182698</b>  <b>ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — DAILY MEETINGS IN SKIBBEREEN. FOR INFORMATION TEL; 087 6114946</b>  <b>Prevention Helpline 1800 742 745:</b> a free phone help-line open daily from 6.00pm — 10.00pm for people who are feeling suicidal or equally for a family member or friend who is concerned about someone.  <b>Living Links</b> —supporting the relatives and other survivors of suicide: Tom Corcoran 085 2445575, <a href="mailto:tomcorcoran@westcorklivinglinks.ie">tomcorcoran@westcorklivinglinks.ie</a>  <b>West Cork Women against Violence Helpline:</b> 1800203136  <b>Bingo in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society</b> in the Abbeystrewry Church Hall every Monday at 8.30pm.  <b>West Cork Carers Support Group:</b> The Round Tower, Main Street, Bantry, Tel; 02753848. Are you looking after a dependant family member, neighbour or friend? Check for support, courses and advice.  <b>Crisis or Unplanned Pregnancy Support and Counselling;</b> CURA – 1850622626; <a href="http://www.cura.ie">www.cura.ie</a>  <b>Legion of Mary Meetings:</b> Monday evenings at 7.00pm in St Vincent de Paul Rooms, Market Street.  <b>South Doc: 1850 335 999</b></p>	